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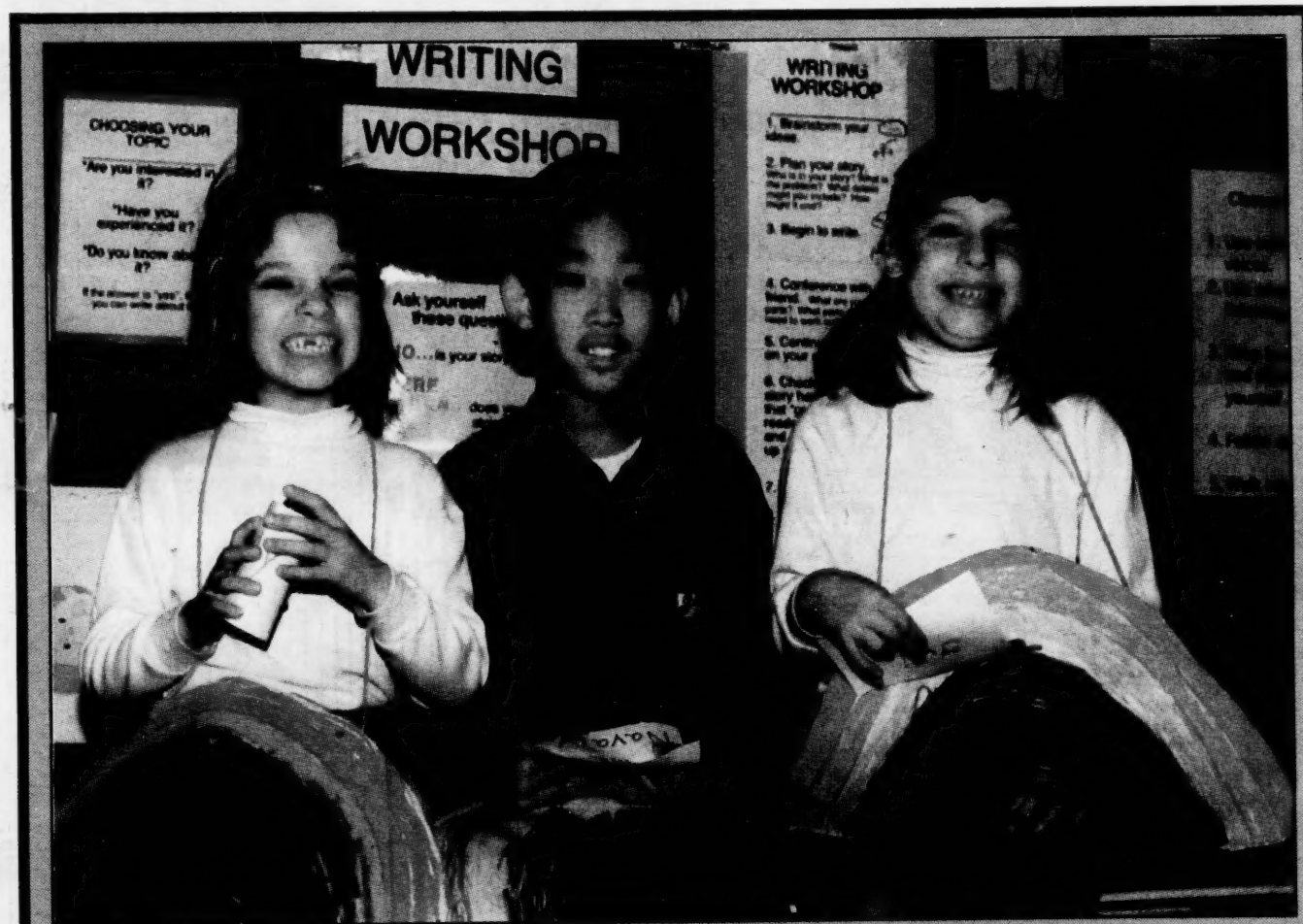


Photo by Susan Siegel

Bancroft School students Molly Gentz, Matt Hoffman and Julie Dugan portrayed Native Americans recently during the school's Native American Evening, presented by Bancroft's Multi-age Primary pilot. First-, second- and third-graders enrolled in the program studied three Native American tribes. These three are portraying Navajo Rainbow people. For more about the pilot program, see page 29.

Town has its own Web site Library's on, too

By Don Staruk

Thwwwp! Andover's on the web. Both Memorial Hall Library and town offices now have home pages on the Internet.

"It's a good way of disseminating information about the town accurately," said Buzz Stapczynski, town manager. "It's a vehicle people can use any time of the day or night to get information about the town."

Mr. Stapczynski said it's getting to the point where it's not a question of who is on the Internet or why, but more one of who's not on the Internet and why not?

The town's net address is:
<http://www.town.andover.ma.us/>.

The town's web site is only recently up and running and is not complete, according to Bill Krajeski, town assessor who described himself as the appointed "web-meister" for the town.

"We're trying to get it filled," Mr. Krajeski said. "We're trying to get people into it."

He has been working on the town's site with Mike Kirk, the town's new network administrator, and Laura Russell, of Ipswich, who is actually doing the formatting for the site. Mr. Krajeski said all the

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What's closed Thanksgiving Day?

Thursday, Nov. 28, is Thanksgiving Day. The *Townsman* will be closed.

Also closed for the day are banks, town offices, the Senior Center, schools, liquor stores, Memorial Hall Library, post offices and Market Basket.

Residents whose rubbish is collected Thursday will have it collected Friday; and those whose rubbish is collected Friday will have it collected Saturday.

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'Neighbors need to be involved in downtown planning'



Fifth in a series that will explore the attractiveness and viability of downtown Andover and its business mix. The series will look at the possibility of a parking garage, the retail mix downtown, planning issues and what residents and town officials want from their downtown.

By Don Staruk

At least one resident who lives on the edge of the downtown is not waiting for, or depending on, anyone else to look out for his property.

After a Maple Avenue neighborhood's

plea for help with their deteriorating street was shot down at last month's Special Town Meeting, Denis H. Ryan, of 54 Chestnut St., took it on himself to make sure a similar fate doesn't befall his property at the corner of Whittier and Chestnut streets. He went out and bought grass seed, fertilizer and five yards of loam and rebuilt the planting strips on the town land between the roadway and the sidewalks.

"My wife thought I was crazy," Mr. Ryan said during an interview with the *Townsman* last week.

Unfortunately, the grass seed doesn't seem to have taken and, despite the hay

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Red-hot Golden Warriors set to host Central Catholic

By Rick Harrison

Two of the hottest football teams in the Merrimack Valley Conference collide Thursday morning when Andover hosts Central Catholic in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game at Lovely Field.

Kickoff for the 1996 season finale is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Coach Ken Maglio's Golden Warriors' squad is 4-5-0 overall, winning three straight over the past month to turn around a season that got off to a disappointing start.

After winning just one of its first six games and scoring only 20 points during one stretch of 22 consecutive quarters, AHS came alive with resounding romps over Chelmsford (31-10) and Dracut (34-7) prior to an

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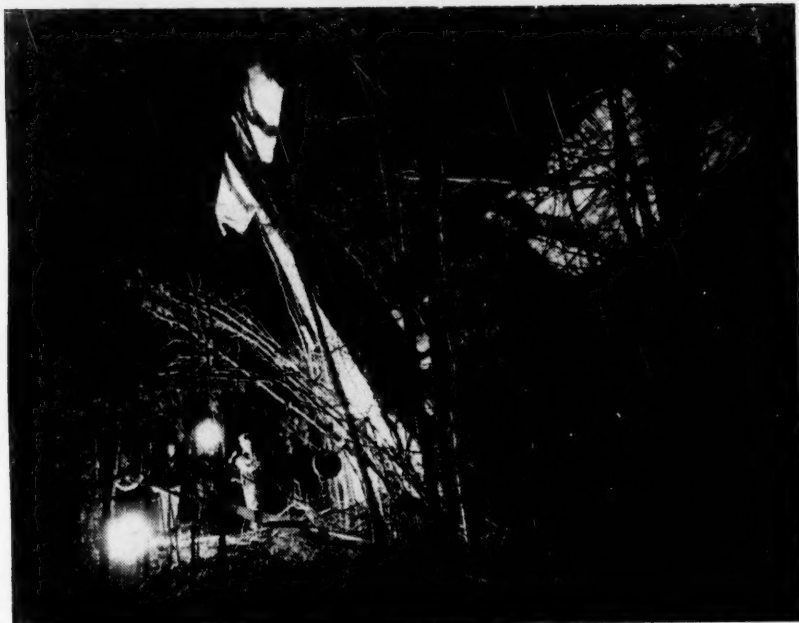


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This single-engine airplane crash landed in a patch of woods near Osgood Street around 5:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Not a plane, old Thanksgiving Pilot thankful two walked away from plane crash

By Neil Fater

Thanksgiving Day should have special meaning this year for Tom Haught and Chris Culkeen, the two men who literally walked away from a plane crash in western Andover last Thursday night.

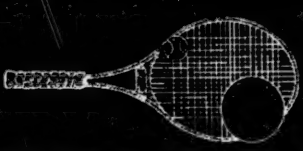
Mr. Haught, a 23-year-old pilot, successfully crash landed his single-engine plane in a patch of woods near Osgood Street around 5:30 p.m. after the plane's engine lost power. He was flying with Mr. Culkeen, a 31-year-old

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Kevin Burke of TV Channel 7 films the nose of the airplane.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

AHS graduation at Merrimack again

By Neil Fater

For the fourth straight year, Andover High School will probably hold its graduation indoors at Merrimack College's Volpe Athletic Complex. Although the new Andover High gymnasium or "field house" is ready, Dick Neal, superintendent, has recommended using Merrimack College because the field house will cost too much and will limit the number of people who can attend graduation.

Graduates can't invite more than five guests each if the graduation is held in the field house. The field house will also cost almost \$4,000 more than Merrimack. Expenses at the field house include \$2,592 to bring in 2,080 chairs, \$864 to build a stage, and \$840 for six security officers, to name some major expenses.

When they were pitching the idea of a new field house, School Building Committee members said it would be large enough for graduations and Town Meetings. Mr. Neal said there's not extra money in the budget for a field-house graduation this year and school officials will need to decide if they want to hold a future one there.

"As the classes get bigger, as they're going to do, it means less people (guests) can go each year," said Mr. Neal.

Steve Richardson, AHS assistant principal, has acquired figures showing it will cost \$9,728 to have the Class of 1997 graduate in their school's new gym. It will cost \$5,934 to have the

graduation at Merrimack.

The School Committee was expected to vote on where to hold this June's graduation Tuesday night, after the *Townsmen* went to press this week.

Selectman angered over free parking for library employees

By Don Staruk

Selectman Larry Larsen was angered when he learned Monday night that 20 of the 70 parking spaces at Memorial Hall Library are used by library employees free of charge.

The practice came out during a discussion at the selectmen's meeting about the Capital Improvement Plan and library director Jim Sutton's request for \$476,000 to buy the Backstreet restaurant building on Essex Street, or a portion of it, and turn it into 19 new spaces for the library.

Selectmen were not very supportive

of that proposal, and were even less so when they learned of the free parking for employees. Dr. Larsen said later that he was upset about it and that was the first he'd ever heard of the practice. He said library employees should join the rest of those who work downtown and to pay for parking in municipal lots. He said he also learned Monday that town employees who work at Old Town Hall have the same perk.

Town manager Buzz Stapczynski said that as long as the car has a town sticker on it, it is not ticketed, even if it's at an expired meter. He compared it to the use of the lot at town offices that employees there use.

Selectman Jim Barenboim seemed as surprised as Dr. Larsen about the free parking and that it was completely independent of the town's sticker program. The sticker program allows employees of the downtown to buy stickers for parking at a discounted rate in certain spaces set aside in the town lots. That program is limited to 40 stickers.

Deadline: Dec. 5 for Community Spirit Award

The *Townsmen* is looking for nominations for its Community Spirit Award, to be given at the first of the year to an organization or individual who has done something extraordinary for the town or for individuals in town. Last year's winner was Norma Gammon, chairwoman of the 350th Anniversary Committee.

The newspaper is asking groups or individuals to nominate people or organizations for the award. A panel of five community people will make

the award decision. To be eligible, the organization, the service delivered, or the individual has to be Andover-based. Please write the nomination in one page or less. Include your name and phone number.

Nominations are due Thursday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. If you would like to fax your nomination, send it to 508-470-2819. If you'd like to e-mail it, send to Townsmen@aol.com; or send it to the Andover Townsman, 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.

Quote, unquote . . .

'What goes on in the downtown greatly affects life in the greater downtown area. The residents who live around the downtown need to be more involved.'

Denis H. Ryan, page 32

'I went to a light show last Friday. It lasted only 10 to 15 minutes. It was beautiful. And frightening.'

Perry Colmore, column, page 34

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TOWNTALK



Photo by Catherine Cannon

Marcia Epstein, left, and Cynthia Pennypacker have created hand-crafted cards for the holidays and other special occasions.

A special holiday treat

By Catherine Cannon

Marcia Epstein, 73, and Cynthia Pennypacker, 82, are both talented members of Andover's Senior Center. For years they have been creating hand-crafted cards for holidays and special occasions.

Ms. Epstein studied at Syracuse University and has been making greeting cards for as long as she can remember. Ms. Pennypacker attended Mount Holyoke, where she majored in art history and archaeology.

However, this is the first time their crafts are hitting the sales stands. As members of the center's art group, the women have had the opportunity to enhance and express their talents in various paintings and displays. For this holiday season, the art group invited its members to submit special ideas for a Christmas greeting card. Ms. Epstein and Ms. Pennypacker were selected to be the designers.

"We were very pleased," Ms. Epstein said, "especially if we can help the Senior Center."

The holiday greeting cards will be available at the Andover Book Store, the Senior Center, Friend's Gift Shop, and the gift shop within the Marland Place. All of the proceeds will be used

to benefit the Senior Center.

Holiday reunion

The Sheas of Andover are eagerly awaiting two holiday family reunions.

The first will be Dec. 14 when daughter Elizabeth receives her bachelor's degree at the University of Miami. Shirley and Andrew will join son, John (Miami-Dade Community College), and 3-year-old grandson Andrew Richard Coke in Miami. Son, Andrew IV, will travel from New York City, where he is a media planner with an advertising agency.

The celebration resumes with a traditional Christmas Eve party at the Shea home with additional house guests Uncle David Ricci of Andover and Aunt Jacqueline Markelson of Miami.

Running suit

When the Board of Selectmen met Monday, Nov. 18, one of the items on the agenda was approv-

ing a date for the 350th Committee to hold its final parade of the year. Norma Gammon, chairwoman of the 350th, thought it would be safe to skip the meeting because it seemed like a routine approval. That's not how it turned out.

After a short discussion, the selectmen opted to postpone a decision on the parade until Ms. Gammon or someone else involved in the parade could appear before the selectmen to answer their concerns. But a moment after the selectmen tabled the decision, Ms. Gammon appeared at the meeting, dressed in a running suit, huffing and puffing. She'd been at home, watching the meeting on TV. Recognizing her, the selectmen immediately re-opened the parade discussion and reached an amicable agreement with Ms. Gammon, to march down Bartlet Street (Dec. 8, 2 p.m.) instead of Main Street, thereby leaving Main Street clear for shoppers.

Before racing back home, Ms. Gammon explained she had a terrible cold and had thought she could skip the meeting. "I won't tell you what I have on underneath this," she laughed.

What a bunch of turkeys

We had a nice note this week with photos from Thyra Sherman of 25 Wethersfield

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TOWN TALK

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Drive. "Turkeys have been visiting my backyard since election day, feeding on corn which has fallen from a squirrel feeder," she writes. "There are four of them and they're obviously not afraid of being taken for Thanksgiving consumption. I'm not feeding them."

Seventh-grader has star quality

By Monique Vallee

William Dunn is appearing in *Karaoke, the Brand New Unoriginal Musical*, which is showing at Upstairs at Stage One, in Boston. William is 13 years old and a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School. He says he "loves the show and theatre," but he considers himself an average kid.

Being average means he likes Dave Matthews and Jimmy Buffet. It means he's a big U-Mass basketball fan. And it means he enjoys skiing, soccer, swimming and tennis. "Oh," he adds, "and hanging out with my friends, especially my best friend, T. He's come to a bunch of my shows."

But this 13-year-old is anything but average. When asked



Thyra Sherman says she's beginning to feel like the turkeys in her backyard are her pets.

what he wants to be when he grows up, he says, "I couldn't tell you," but then he casually mentions playing the role of Gavroche in *Les Miserables*.

At 5 years old he went to see *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. While the people around him were wondering if this preschooler would sit still, he was wondering how he could get on stage some day. He began to teach himself piano - he says he has "a good ear" - and pretty soon was entering local shows. He performed in both *Gypsy* at Merrimack College, and *South*

Pacific at Andover High School. Last summer he entered the Northeast Junior District Chorus and placed. From there it was on to the Wheelock Family Theatre.

William was appearing in *Charlotte's Web* when he got his first big break. The producer of *Karaoke* needed someone to play the part of John Hastings, so he called the Wheelock Family Theatre and was given William's name. William auditioned for the part and got it. That catapulted him into six months of rehearsals. He got through with the help of his teachers, friends and parents.

"At least one of my parents is at each show," William says. "It always makes me feel good to see them or someone I know in the audience."

Since September he's been performing three to four nights a week.

If that weren't enough, he does this while maintaining an A/B average. He admits, "It is not easy. You have to work hard and the publicity can get to you. That's why I need an education - if I lose my voice. Acting is second and school is first."

If the publicity can get to this actor, you can't tell by speaking with William. He describes *Karaoke* as "fun" and math as "hard" and you can guess which is his favorite.

That's what makes this kid a superstar



Photo by Monique Vallee

William Dunn, the son of William J. Dunn Jr. and Mary Lee Dunn of Sunset Rock Road, is appearing in *Karaoke, the Brand New Unoriginal Musical*. He says he loves acting, but school work comes first.

despite his protestations. While he may be an average kid, with average talents, he has an above-average spirit that apparently shines both on and off stage.

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Feaster Five is Thursday

Bill Rogers, Joan Benoit-Samuelson and Lynn Jennings are all expected to join an estimated 6,500 runners in the ninth annual Thanksgiving Day Feaster Five Road Race in Andover. Entries continue to flow in. The races are 5-mile, 5k and Kids 1k. Race officials expect 700 entrants in the Kids 1k.

Bill Rogers, four-time Boston Marathon winner, is a definite show here. Joan Benoit-Samuelson, Olympic marathon gold medalist and former Boston Marathon winner, is a strong possibility, weather allowing; and Lynn Jennings, three-time Olympian in the 10,000-meter, and world and national cross-country champion, is a possible participant, said Dave McGillivray, race director.

A record was set last year with 7,820 registered participants in the three events.

Norma Gammon, chairwoman of the town's 350th Anniversary Committee, will start the race.

Starting times

The Kids 1k fun run will start at 8 a.m., prior to the start of the 5-mile at 8:30 and 5k at 8:40. The start will again be on Main Street at Balmoral Street. The course is the same as last year. The kid's 1K is open to children 12 years old and younger. All children will receive a finish line gift upon completion of the event.

Registration

Registration and number pick-up for all events were held at Brickstone Office Park Monday and Tuesday and today, Wednesday, Nov. 27, from noon to 7 p.m. Registration will also take place race morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. The entry fee is \$18, or \$5 for the Kids 1k.

The first 6,000 entrants will receive an official long-sleeve T-

shirt, and all participants receive race packets, refreshments at the finish and, of course, the traditional apple pie.

For some local individuals and families, during the last nine years, running the Feaster has become a holiday tradition. The addition of the Kids K has built on that tradition, according to Mr. McGillivray.

Health & Fitness Expo

A complete health and fitness exposition is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at 200 Brickstone Square. The public is invited free of charge.

Lazarus pledge program

The Feaster Five Road Race also benefits Lazarus House in Lawrence, a multi-service organization that assists the poor and needy in the Merrimack Valley. During October's flood, Lazarus House was one of the worst-hit places in the Merrimack Valley. With the help of the community, as well as FEMA, Lazarus House is still planning to give away 1,000-plus food baskets filled with a turkey and all the trimmings to local, needy families the night before Thanksgiving. Lazarus House will also feed close to 900 people Thanksgiving Day, and can use all the extra support and generosity it can get.

Runners are encouraged to raise pledges for Lazarus House. Runners are also encouraged to bring a pair of their old running shoes to donate to Lazarus House.

Volunteers

More than 600 volunteers will help with the race.

"The race staff is busy for months doing all the behind-the-scenes work on the race. However, on race day, the control and impact of the race transfers into

the hands of all the race volunteers," said Mr. McGillivray.

Other activities

Once again this year, the race will be televised on ESPN's Saucony Running and Racing Show sometime in the beginning of December.

The largest Christmas tree in the nation will be at the finish line. The actual tree-lighting ceremony will take place Sunday, Dec. 1.

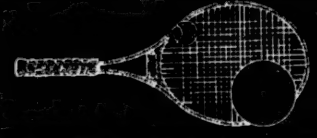
The Eagle-Tribune is the title sponsor of this year's race. The Townsman is again a sponsor of the race, as are many other local and nation-

al businesses.

The course

Both race courses are the same as last year.

For further information on the Feaster Five, contact Dave McGillivray, DMSE Inc., 29 Royal Crest Drive, Unit 7, North Andover, Mass. 01845, or call 689-9561.



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Information, checks help stop head lice

By Neil Fater

It happens periodically and it's happening right now: Some Andover elementary-school children are being diagnosed with head lice.

Head lice are small, pin-head-sized insects that live on human heads. They live off the blood they get from biting their host.

According to Dr. Susan Browne, of Tiffany Lane, the white creatures usually give away their presence by leaving the person with an itchy scalp.

"People are ashamed when they get this diagnosis and they shouldn't be. It's just because you're in a group. It's good to check your child when you hear

(a friend) has it," said Dr. Browne. "It's good (for people who know about head lice cases) to share that information."

Head lice cannot jump or fly, they only crawl. For lice to spread, a child with head lice must do something such as bump heads or share a hat with another child, said Dr. Browne.

Cases are commonly reported in small bunches when children first start wearing winter hats, or on a baseball team where teammates are sharing batting helmets, said Dr. Browne. Doctors compare head lice to the common cold - cases are common and can spread quickly.

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Improper storage closes curtain temporarily on Collins Center

By Neil Fater

The fire department has temporarily closed the curtain on the Collins Center auditorium until Andover High School finds a way to properly store its overflow furniture, set designs and cleaning supplies.

"It's related to everything. That is where all of the set materials from all our plays and productions are," AHS Principal Ellen Parker said of the storage problem. "We've also pushed in there materials we've put there for construction."

Deputy Chief Charles H. Murnane said that after a photo of the clutter being stored on the Collins Center stage appeared in the *What's Up* pages of the *Townsmen*, the fire department received complaints.

In large part because of the school building project, people have been using the Collins Center stage to store materials. An inspection of the Collins Center also showed someone was improperly storing chemicals in one of the back areas, according to Dep. Murnane.

"They had Clorox and ammonia in the same general vicinity and that reacts. It

causes a gas" to form, he said. "They just generally have to do a clean-up of that back area there."

Ms. Parker said she expects the Collins Center auditorium to be cleaned and ready to be used for study halls no later than Dec. 13.

Dep. Murnane said the problem at the Collins Center is "not really a big issue."

"We had a couple of complaints that the stuff was in there (on the stage). It was basically tables, desks, chairs. We had the snow-blower, which was in there, but it's gone now," said Dep. Murnane. "They (theater students) should be back in there holding their classes, their studies, after Thanksgiving."

Dep. Murnane said he met with Ms. Parker and Bernie Tuttle, business manager, to discuss the issue.

"They were just extremely cooperative and said, 'We're going to do it right away,'" he said Monday. "Right now it's a storage issue that they have. There were no accidents or anything like that. It seems to be OK. They're probably up there cleaning it right now."

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BUSINESS

Taking fear out of antique buying

By Monique Vallee

The first thing you notice when you enter Rose Cottage Antiques is the scent of roses. That, and the classical violin music give it a decidedly Victorian air. Its co-owners, however, describe it as being "an eclectic blend." It's a blend intended to interest all levels of antique collectors.

Rose Cottage Antiques, of Park Street, is not related to the Rose Cottage on Central Street. It is an antique store that was opened in August by Karen Doyle and Colleen Cox Perry, both of Andover. Ms. Doyle is originally from Jericho, Long Island, but moved here 10 years ago. Ms. Perry has been an on-and-off resident of Andover for nearly 20 years. The two first met while Ms. Perry was working in her father's former store, The Brass Ring Gift Shop, where Ms. Doyle was a regular customer. How then did they become friends and business partners?

Ms. Perry admits, "It was probably the address on her check. From that we discovered we were neighbors."

They began talking and discovered a mutual appreciation for antiques. Soon they were both renting booths at an antique cooperative in Salem, N.H. After five or six years of that they decided to open a shop together. They began scouring estate sales and auctions for unusual and interesting items. Next, they needed a location. Their friend Linda Saunders, who owns The Mercantile, also off Park Street, suggested the space in front of her shop where Alphabet Books used to be located. In August, Ms. Perry and Ms. Doyle opened Rose Cottage Antiques.

Their goal is to sell quality antiques and collectibles to average people as well as serious collectors. The store

carries estate jewelry, bone china, photo frames and paintings, as well as furniture. They understand that the general public is mostly untrained when it comes to buying antiques. They'd like to help remove the fear. "People think because they don't know which period a piece is from, that they can't truly appreciate an antique," says Ms. Doyle. "This simply is not true."

Neither Ms. Doyle nor Ms. Perry are official appraisers themselves. This doesn't make them any less helpful, interested, or informed, they say. They like what they are doing and are happy to answer questions or look up information on unfamiliar pieces. "First," they say, "you have to be willing to come in and look



Colleen Cox Perry, seated, and Karen Doyle have opened Rose Cottage Antiques on Park Street.

Photo by Monique Vallee

around." Antiques, after all, aren't all scary. Just old. Rose Cottage Antiques is located at 68 Park St., and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Vanessa Hunt and Laura Fitzgerald

Vanessa Hunt and Laura Fitzgerald of Century 21 Carriage House at 10 High St. have received the Century 21 Pacesetter Award for the second quarter of 1996.

The Pacesetter Award is a quarterly production award given to sales associates achieving a designated number of closed transactions in one quarter. In recognition of the accomplishment, Ms. Hunt and Ms. Fitzgerald will receive a plaque at a special awards ceremony for Century 21 top sales associates.

Geraldine Spears

Designer Geraldine Spears of the Furniture Barn recently was named a local winner in Ethan Allen's Circle of Excellence Award Program. The award recognizes excellence in home design and superior customer service. Ms. Spears was honored with this award at Ethan Allen's national designer conference held in Hickory, N.C.



Geraldine Spears

Edward Caron

Andover Bank announces the addition of Edward Caron of Hudson, N.H., as vice president and manager of corporate banking.

Mr. Caron has extensive experience assisting small- to medium-sized businesses. He had worked as a commercial lender and manager for Baybank and NFS Savings. "I'm looking for-

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Edward Caron

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ward to bringing my expertise to this market, and I'm available to help businesses plan for expansion or take advantage of opportunities," said Mr. Caron.

The graduate of the University of New Hampshire is currently serving as chairman of New Hampshire's Business Finance Authority.



Edward Caron

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Enterprise Bank and Trust Company recently opened a full-service branch office at 910 Andover St., at River Road, in North Tewksbury. The office is located to service businesses and individuals from West Andover. Chairman and CEO George L. Duncan officially opened the new office. Renovations have been completed at the 4,857-square-foot facility, the former home of a Fleet Bank branch. Enterprise Bank includes two drive-up lanes, an ATM machine, five teller stations, commercial tellers, two customer-service representatives and mortgage and commercial lending officers. With main offices in downtown Lowell, Enterprise Bank operates branches in Billerica, Chelmsford and Leominster.



FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

by Ronald R. Hill, CLU, ChFC

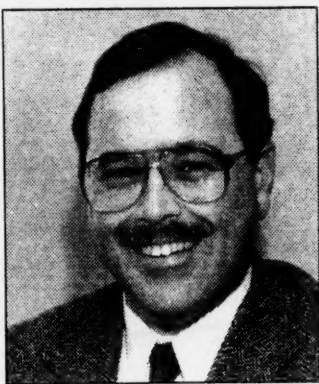


INFLATED IDEAS

Nearly everyone will agree that inflation is not a good thing, but even economists cannot agree as to exactly how or why it occurs. The most popular explanation is that inflation is caused by a money supply that expands too rapidly. That is to say that an "easy money" or "loose money" policy creates a situation in which there is too much money in pursuit of too few goods and services. To put it simply, demand is greater than supply. As a result, consumers compete for limited goods and prices escalate. In one respect, inflation is good. Debtors find that, during inflationary times, they have to repay less money in real terms than the amounts that they previously borrowed. This advantage is largely outweighed, however, by concerns over having enough money on hand down the road to meet retirement (and other) needs. With regard to investment planning in general, inflation can be an insidious thing. Because it can diminish future purchasing power dramatically, it needs to be considered carefully while one is choosing investments. For instance, the government still estimates long-term inflation at about 5%. If one started an income stream of \$40,000 today in one's retirement in 15 years or so, it would have the purchasing power of \$20,000. This is a principal reason why stocks make so much sense as part of one's long-term portfolio - the growth realized from them is one of the few ways in which inflation can be counteracted over time.

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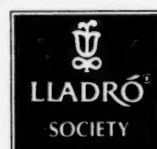
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Parents get chance to comment on schools' report cards

By Neil Fater

Parents of Andover's youngest students may have the chance to change their children's report cards.

No, they can't change last term's C+ to an A-. But parents and teachers of elementary students may help change the structure of the elementary-school report card itself.

A taskforce has been formed to review and revise for next year the currently-used reporting method. Elementary report cards haven't been changed since the early to mid-1980s, said Marinel McGrath, assistant superintendent.

"The Andover schools are doing a revision of the elementary report card and we have a survey out," said Ms. McGrath.

In some areas, "right now the report card isn't in alignment with the curriculum," she said.

Surveys are now available at the elementary schools for parents to pick up and fill out. The surveys are due back at the schools by Dec. 4, said Ms. McGrath.

The report card taskforce will use parent and teacher survey responses "to make the report card reflect both the best ideas and collective needs of the school community," according to its purpose statement.

The survey asks questions such as whether Andover's elementary-school report cards should use grades, symbols such as "not yet" and/or teachers' narratives to indicate a student's progress. It also asks at what grade levels such methods be used.

The questions on grading ask, "Should we use grades to indicate the progress of a student? If yes,

indicate (grade) level(s).

"Should we use symbols (not yet, sometimes, almost always, etc.) to indicate the progress of a student? If yes, indicate specific grade level(s).

"Should we use narrative only to indicate the progress of a student?"

The final grading question asks, "Should we use a combination of grade/symbols and narrative to indicate

the progress of a student?"

In total, the survey asks people to answer 24 Yes-or-No questions and five open-ended queries.

Two Yes-or-No questions ask if students' progress

should be evaluated in relation to other students and whether student progress should be evaluated in relation to themselves.

Among some of the other issues covered are:

- How many times per year should report cards go home?

- Should there be comment sections on the report card for teachers, parents and/or students?

- Should there be

areas for teachers, parents and/or students to set goals?

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Krinsky junkyard property hasn't sold yet

By Don Staruk

No offers have been accepted yet for the sale of the Krinsky properties on Park Street, but there are "a couple close to being a done deal," according to Pam Schwartz, executrix of the Krinsky estate.

Ms. Schwartz said Tuesday that she is still working with a couple of people, but that it was premature to discuss any details as to what might be done with the property. Discussions were still focusing on "dollars and cents," she said.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said last month the town did not submit a bid to purchase either of the two Krinsky properties on Park Street. Ms.

Schwartz accepted bids through Oct. 9.

The properties include the 11,000-square-foot former junkyard lot on Park Street, and the two-family house on a roughly 5,000-square-foot lot on the corner of Park and Florence streets. They were being offered either separately or together. The house is zoned residential, but the junkyard lot is in the Central Business

District commercial zone.

Ms. Schwartz in August said the sale would not necessarily go to the highest bidder, but that she would take into consideration the wishes of those named in Morris Krinsky's will as beneficiaries of his estate. She also said she was under no obligation to award a bid if there are no suitable offers. Mr. Krinsky died Feb. 28.

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Holiday stress

Take a few minutes to hear Marge Penkus, R.N., and Barbara Lee, MSW, discuss how to cope with holiday stress Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. prior to the blood pressure clinic.

Supper club

Reservations and payments for Angelica's supper club next week are now due.

Friday forum

Joanne Trask of Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority

will be at the center Friday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Wee Bus, fixed route and Dial-A-Ride service in Andover.

Time capsule exhibit

Stop by Memorial Hall Library to view the senior/student time capsule display. Burial and closing 350th ceremony will take place Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2.

Help wanted

Donations of festive cookies, bars, fudge or squares are needed for the Christmas cookie and craft sale on Dec. 13.

Creative cooking

Holiday appetizers are on the menu for the Wednesday, Dec. 11, creative cooking class at 9 a.m. The class is held on the second Wednesday of each month. Cost is \$4 for each session. Pre-registration is required.

Christmas concert

The Senior Center will sponsor a Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m., featuring the hand-bell choir and adult chorus

from St. Augustine Church. An eggnog social will follow. Tickets are available at the center at \$3 for seniors and children under 12 and \$4 for all others. Advance tickets only.

Parade

Seniors signed up to participate in Sunday's parade should meet at the center at 1 p.m.

Center closed

The Senior Center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29.

SENIOR MENUS

The following meals will be served to senior citizens at the Senior Center, Whittier Court, next week:

Monday: Beef Wellington with brown sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.

Tuesday: Southern fried chicken, baked potato, carrots, homemade frosted cake.

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, apple.

Thursday: Breaded turkey tenders, potato wedges, corn, sherbet cup.

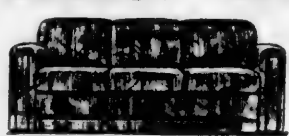
Friday: Baked fish, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, fruit cup.

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SCHOOL TALK

Andover High School class of 1991 will celebrate its fifth-year reunion Friday, Nov. 29. For more information, call Anne Murnane or P.J. Johnson.

The Andover High School class of 1986 will hold its 10-year reunion tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Andover Country Club. For more information, call Billy Dalton at (207) 439-3047, or Lori Becker at 470-8832.

Andover High School class of 1981 will celebrate its fifteenth-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at Andover Country Club. For more information, call Jim Doe at 475-3948.

The South School Community Service Student Council members are collecting food,

jackets and coats for needy families. "The theme this year is caring, sharing and sparing," said Madhu Sridhar, community service adviser. "I believe at a young age children can come to appreciate the value of service to both their school and the community at large."

The South students will be commended by Eileen Woods, their principal, for their contributions of food and clothing at a schoolwide assembly.

The fifth grade will present the program "Songs of Harvest" under the direction of music specialists Linda O'Donnell and Susan Sepich and pianist Beth Kennedy. Songs will include *The First Sunrise*, *Three Ways to Start the Day*, *The Garden Song*, *The Corn Grows Up*, *Harvest is a Season to Behold*, *November*, and *This Pretty Planet*.



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South School fifth-graders practice singing for their Harvest Festival, led by music specialist Linda O'Donnell (back to camera). Food collected for needy families is on the table in the foreground.

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WHAT'S UP



Percy Hill to play Old Town Hall

By Leah Sciabarrasi

Percy Hill will make its second appearance at Old Town Hall this Saturday, Nov. 30. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the music begins at 8:30.

Their first concert at Andover's Old Town Hall was a huge success - 400 students of all ages came to hear this popular band play, so Andover Youth Services decided to host them again.

Percy Hill began with two brothers,

◀ Percy Hill makes a return appearance at Old Town Hall this Saturday, Nov. 30.

Nate and Zack Wilson, in April 1993, at the University of New Hampshire. Soon their band grew to include four more UNH students: Joe Aufiero, lead guitar; Tom Powley, guitar/vocals; John Hawes, bass; and Dylan Halacy, percussion. They soon published their first album, entitled *Setting The Boat Adrift*, and were nominated for Best Pop Artist at the Seacoast Music Awards in December 1993. In 1994, they were nominated for the best overall Seacoast band.

Often compared with the well-known improvisational band Phish, they have played with several other musical

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artists, such as Widespread Panic, Merl Saunders, and The Radiators. Their newest album is entitled *Straight On 'Til The Morning*.

Come on down to Old Town Hall on Nov. 30 and prepare to be amazed by the musical talent of Percy Hill. This all-ages show, sponsored by Andover Youth Services, is \$8 at the door and \$6 in advance. Tickets are on sale at

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The League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover and the Andover Townwide PTO jointly sponsored their third annual community read-along at Andover public schools and Pike School last week to celebrate American Education Week and Children's Book Week. Shelly Selwyn, a South School parent, read *Children of the Wind and Water* to Tori Lambert's third-grade class at South.



Townsmen publisher Chip Rogers read *The Great Kapok Tree*, a story about the rainforest, to Marcia Young's first-grade classroom at South. More than 125 town officials, educators, business leaders and members of the community volunteered to read to children during the school day and discuss their hobbies and occupations, and how reading and books have played an important part in their lives.



State Sen. John O'Brien is greeted by a student at the entrance to South School. At left is selectman Jerry Silverman, who read the book *Purple Delicious Blackberry Jam* to Patricia Crowley's kindergarten class.

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Twenty-six students at Andover High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 537,000 students who took AP examinations in May performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognized several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). Four Andover High School students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning grades of 3 or above on five or more AP examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. These students are Susan Ashlock, John Jordan, Brian Kwon and Jay Volinski.

Brian Cronin, Joel Elzweig, Julia Henderson, Patrick Hess, Matthew McGrath, Michael Scarpulla, Patrick Sharkey and Christopher Sheldon qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning grades of 3 or above on four or more AP examinations, with an average exam

grade of at least 3.25.

Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher: Jonathan Buba, Laura Burkle, Katy Chabot, Alexander Dalis, Susanna Daniel, Julie Jackson, Stacy Kangisser, Marc Menschel, Sonal Mukhi, Keith Putnam, Allan Rickhi, Cindy Su, Danielle Teves and William Westaway.

Of this year's award recipients, one - Matthew McGrath - was an underclassman. He has at least one more year in which to complete college-level work, and possibly earn another Advanced Placement Award.

AP Examinations, which students take after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,300 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 29 AP Examinations offered in 16 disciplines, each consisting of

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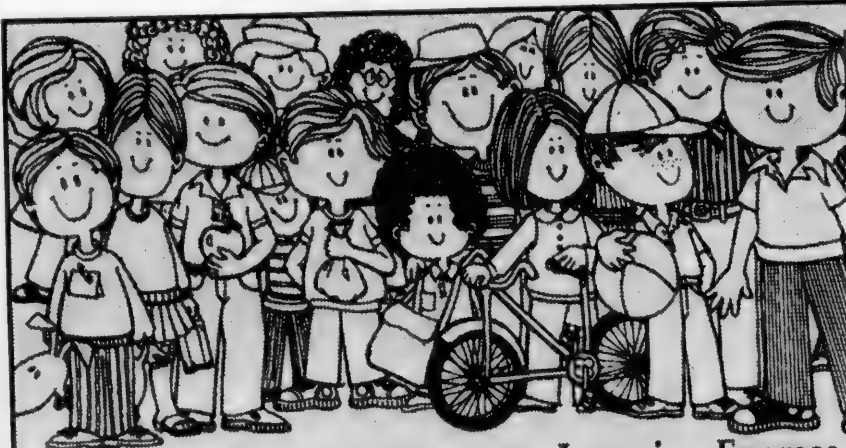
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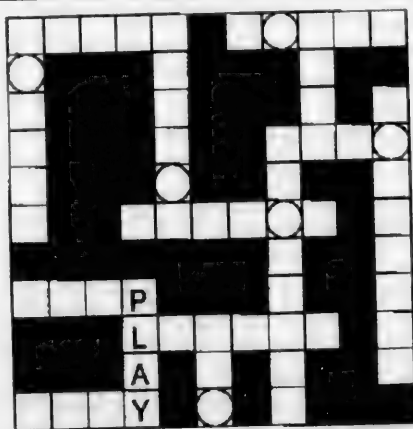


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Monday: Beef and bacon burger, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato cup, potato puffs, ketchup, pineapple, milk or juice.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, bread and butter, chocolate cake

with frosting, milk or juice.

Wednesday: In-service day. No lunch.

Thursday: Chicken cutlet on roll, mayonnaise, tomato and lettuce cup, potato chips, fudge brownie, milk or juice.

Friday: Meatball sub with tomato sauce, peas, potato sticks, orange wedges, green beans, milk or juice.

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Middle school

Monday: Hot dog on roll, mustard, relish, ketchup, wax beans, fruit cup, milk, or baked beef ravioli with tomato sauce, wax beans, bread and butter, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken cutlet on roll, mayonnaise, potato puffs,

ketchup, green beans, cookie, milk, or grilled cheese sandwich, potato puffs, ketchup, green beans, cookie, milk.

Wednesday: In-service day. No lunch.

Thursday: Nachos with cheese sauce, baked beans, carrots, frosted cake, milk, or roast turkey, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, homemade cornbread, frosted

cake, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad in syrian bread, peas, potato chips, chilled peaches, milk, or chopped sirloin steak, mashed potatoes, brown sauce, peas, bread and butter, chilled peaches, milk.

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NOVEMBER HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAYS



**Tamra Lynn
Rutfield**

Tamra Lynn Rutfield's first birthday is Nov. 30. She lives on Elysian Drive with her mom and dad, Craig and Mindy Rutfield, sister, Rachel, 6, and brother, Alex, 3½. They all wish her a happy first birthday.



**Conor James
Meehan**

Conor James Meehan turned 1 on Nov. 14. His parents are Andrea and Paul Meehan of Copley Drive. Grandparents are Mary Turner and Josephine and James Meehan, all of Woburn. Conor loves playing with his sister, Caty, 12, climbing and all things "Pooh."



**Courtney Beth
Plati**

Courtney Beth Plati was born Nov. 4, 1995. She is the daughter of James and Charlene Plati. Grandparents are Mel and Anta Weiner of Florida and James and Mildred Plati of Stoneham. Katherine Diblasi of Revere is her great-grandmother.



**Leah Tamar
Shrestinian**

Leah Tamar Shrestinian was born Nov. 6, 1995. Her parents are Simone and David Shrestinian of Andover. Her grandparents are Ara and Ginny of Andover and Tom and Diana of West Roxbury. Leah has a brother, Aram, 4, and a sister, Anna, 3.



**Luc William
DeVeau**

Luc William DeVeau was 1 year old Nov. 9. His parents are David and Melissa DeVeau of Sevilla Road. Luc celebrated his birthday with his brother, Ross, who turned 2 on Nov. 9. Luc also has a dog, Kaiser, and cat, Tucker.



**Megan Leigh
Cahill**

Megan Leigh Cahill celebrated her first birthday Nov. 1. Her parents are Brian and Diane Cahill of 9 Harper Circle. Megan enjoys playing with her sisters, Nicole, 6, and Erin, 3½.



**Carter William
Letsky**

Carter William Letsky celebrated his first birthday Nov. 21. He lives with his parents, Bill and Sarah Letsky, who said so far he "is clueless that in March he'll be sharing the spotlight with a baby sister. Carter loves eating, music, meals, large tractors, food, animals and storage boxes. He thinks U-Haul boxes in particular give him the space he needs."



**Thomas Martin
Cohen**

Thomas Martin Cohen, son of Scott and Cyd (Driscoll) Cohen of Edison, N.J., was born Nov. 26, 1995. His grandparents are Kathleen A. Driscoll of Andover and the late Thomas B. Driscoll and Samuel and Harriet Cohen of Boynton Beach, Fla. "He is a happy boy and loves his sister, Hannah Rose, 2½, very much."



**Garrett Alexander
Chisholm**

Garrett Alexander Chisholm was born Nov. 6, 1995. His parents are Don and Elise (Richardson) Chisholm. Grandparents are Norman and Sheila Richardson Jr. of Andover and Don and Marcia Chisholm Sr. of Lexington. Great-grandparents are Norman Richardson Sr. and Marion O'Brien, both of Andover.



**Emily Marie
Byrne**

Emily Marie Byrne celebrated her first birthday recently. Her parents are Lisa and Frank Byrne of Andover. Grandparents are Frank Byrne Sr. of Andover and the late Carolyn Byrne and Judy Moore of Mechanicville, N.Y., and Arnie Stewart of Edgewater, Fla. Emily has a brother, Matthew, 4½.



**Sebastian Ross
Elkin**

Sebastian Ross Elkin was born Nov. 10, 1995. His parents are Jennifer and Ross Elkin of Cutler Road. Sebastian has a brother, Nathan, 4.



**Jesse Robert
Mattison**

Jesse Robert Mattison celebrated his first birthday Nov. 8. Jesse lives on Sevilla Road with his parents, Jim and Joanne Mattison, brother, Jake, 6, and sister, Rachel, 4. His grandparents are Carol Mattison of Newburyport and the late Robert Mattison and Adrian and Lucille Roy of Kingston.

*Be seen in the
Townsmen's
social pages*

Jr. Garden Club plans visit to Christmas tree farm

The Andover Junior Garden Club will meet Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. to tour a "working forest" and Christmas tree farm with the New England Forestry Foun-

dation. Meet at the Water Treatment Plant on Lowell Street for car-pooling and bring work gloves.

The Andover Junior Garden Club is sponsored by the Andover

Garden Club for children between the ages of 8 and 16. Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month from October to May, with the exception of January. Program

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The Andover Junior Garden Club works to present a diversified program of related horticultural and natural sciences. To become a mem-

ber, call C. Joyce Ringleb at 475-3490, or Jo-Ann Lovejoy at 475-8693.

The Andover Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Unitarian Universalist Church on Locke Street at 12:30 p.m.

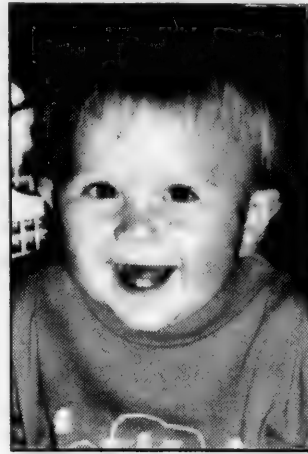
"Celebrating December's Holidays," a program of flower arranging, will be presented by the multi-award-winning floral designer Cindora Goldberg. "Don't miss this special event. Non-members are welcome," organizers said.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAYS



Jack Michael
DeAdder

Jack Michael DeAdder celebrated his first birthday Nov. 20. His parents, Bill and Kim (Markey) DeAdder of Lovejoy Road, hosted the event. Jack's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Markey of Beverly and Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeAdder of North Andover. Jack loves to climb stairs and play peek-a-boo, they said.



Matthew James
Schleckser

Matthew James Schleckser celebrated his first birthday Nov. 1. His parents are James and Denise Schleckser of Andover. Grandparents are Richard and Priscille Bergeron, and Henry and Mary Ellen Schleckser, all of Bridgewater, N.J. Great-grandparents are Cecile Lamoureux of Lowell and Timothy Counihan of Chatham, N.J. Matthew loves munching apples and visiting all his relatives, they said.



Sydnie Jayde
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Sydnie Jayde Stern celebrated her first birthday Nov. 16. She lives in Lake Worth, Fla., with her big sister, Samantha, her mom, Julie (Witover), and dad, Gary. Sydnie's grandparents are Joyce and Steve Witover of Andover and Joan and Hy Stern of Lake Worth. Her great-grandmother "GG" is Gussie Weiss of Adventure, Fla. "Her sparkling blue eyes and big smile light up our lives," her family said.

Happy 1st Birthday policy

► Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in December will be published in the Dec. 26 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 (see box at right). The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY ~ 1996-'97 key dates ~

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Nov. 27, 1996	Nov. 22, 1996
Dec. 26	Dec. 20
Jan. 30, 1997	Jan. 24, 1997
Feb. 27	Feb. 21
Mar. 27	Mar. 21
Apr. 24	Apr. 18
May 29	May 23
June 26	June 20
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Aug. 28	Aug. 22
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Oct. 30	Oct. 24

AHS announces AP Scholar awards

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multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

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Financial Aid Night is Monday

There will be no December meeting of the AHS Parent Advisory Council due to the Financial Aid Night scheduled for senior parents Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Doherty Middle School auditorium.

The next PAC meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3003 at the High School. All parents are welcome to attend this business meeting.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

Interfaith Thanksgiving service, by the Andover Interfaith community, 6:30 p.m. choir practice, 7:30 service, reception following, sermon by Michael Ebner, all welcome, South Church, 41 Central St.; Kit Lambert 475-0321.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

Alumni reunion, sponsored by parents booster association, welcoming football players and cheerleader alumni of Andover High, 9-10 a.m., Thanksgiving Day Game versus Central Catholic, meet at alumni tent, free coffee and donuts; Diana Tisbert 475-9290.

Thanksgiving service, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 278 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m.; Emily Comins 475-7184.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Comedian Chris McGuire, headlining, 8 and 10:30 p.m., The Comedy Place at the Grill 93, River Road, tickets \$10; 1-888-TOLAUGH.

College Sabbath, Temple Emanuel will feature local student speakers relating their freshman college experiences, 8:15 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

Romantic Comedy, presented by the Quannapowitt Players, 8 p.m., \$10, \$9 seniors and students, 55 Hopkins St., Reading;

(617) 942-2212.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

Percy Hill concert sponsored by Youth Services, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., doors open 8 p.m., music starts 8:30, tickets \$8 door, \$6 in advance; 623-8241.

Romantic Comedy (see entry under Friday, Nov. 29).

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Christmas parade sponsored by Andover firefighters, Grand Marshall Edward Morrissey, featuring horses, Santa, floats, clowns, starts at Doherty Middle School at 1:30 p.m., parade route streets include Bartlet, Whittier, Elm, Main and Punchard back to Doherty; rain date is Dec. 8; Don Hinckle 470-0262.

Christmas concert by the Treble Chorus of New England, Merrimack College, 4 p.m., \$10 general admission, \$5 students; Maureen Lanigan 837-5448.

Romantic Comedy (see entry under Friday, Nov. 29.), 7 p.m.

Brickstone holiday celebration, lighting the nation's tallest Christmas tree, Toys for Tots dropoff site, Santa's Village; Brickstone Square, Haverhill Street, free refreshments, 5:30-7 p.m.; raindate Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8 p.m.; hotline information 749-3008.

Musical concert, benefiting Neighbors in Need, combined talents of South Church and

West Parish, 2 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen, \$10 adults, \$3 children; NINC 685-8321 or Barbara Kaslow 475-7478.

Holt Hill and Boston Hill hike, 4 mile hike up two hills with vistas of Boston skyline, starts Ward Reservation parking lot, 1:30 p.m.; Marta and Dick Hornidge 475-3595.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

Family technology night for elementary parents, presented by Bright Ideas, Andover School of Montessori, 400 St. Main St., 7 p.m., free and open to the public; Leslie Silverstein 475-3870.

Financial aid night for AHS seniors' parents (will cancel AHS parent advisory council meeting), 7 p.m., auditorium of Doherty Middle School, 623-8750.

Celebrate the arts concert and exhibits by the *Kindred Spirits*, 2-4 p.m., Northern Essex Community College; Judith Kamber (508) 374-3955 or Louise Cramer 374-5804.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Family technology night for children's house, (see entry under Monday, Dec. 2).

Slide competition, judging general, nature, child's toy, and novice photos, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, open to public, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Celebrity night featuring Patriots cheerleaders, Ken Hodge Sr. of the Boston Bruins, Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV, Santa's Village, petting zoo, costumed characters and face painting, Brickstone Square, Haverhill Street, 7-9 p.m., \$10 donation for St. Ann's Home for children; ticket info 749-3008.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Oliver! by Saint John's Prep., 7 p.m., \$8 students and seniors, \$10 adults, Alumni Hall's Kanab Theatre, 72 Spring Street, Danvers, MA.; Colleen Brown (508) 774-1050 Ext. 303.

Festival of Hanukkah, First Light 5757 sponsored by Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, 6 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children, Temple Emanuel-El, 514 Main St., Haverhill; Jim Shainker (617) 289-3217.

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Save This Date

The Townsman will list in one sentence, free of charge, cultural events that are scheduled at least a month off. Deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. for the next week's issue.

Monday, Dec. 9, Andover Choral Society performs *Messiah* Sing with professional soloists, 7:30 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church.

Friday, Dec. 13, The Community Chorus of Phillips Academy will present the *Messiah*, as well as Schubert's *G Major Mass*, 7 p.m. in Cochran Chapel at the Academy.

Sunday, Dec. 15, Andover Townsman editor Perry Colmore and Townsman photog-

rapher Lisa Adelsberger will discuss and read from their book, *Living With Breast Cancer/39 Women and One Man Speak Candidly About Surviving Breast Cancer*, at 2 p.m. at Andover Bookstore. The book is also an exhibit, which opens Jan. 10 at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy, with an opening night party set for Friday, Jan. 17, 5-8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30, holiday vacation concert for families, A Circle of Songs, performed by children's entertainer Hugh Hanley, 1 p.m. at Old Town Hall, Andover Center.

Sunday, Jan. 19, Andover Choral Society performs Franz Schubert's *Mass in F*, and *Stabat Mater*, 3 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Holiday open house sponsored by Andover Center Association, 7 p.m. puppet show *A Gift for a King*, St. Augustine's choir, hayride, Santa Claus, gingerbread workshop, many businesses serving refreshments, "Let's light downtown" raffle winners drawn, 6-9:30 p.m., downtown business district.
Romantic Comedy (see entry under Friday, Nov. 29) 8 p.m.

Auction hosted by the Clark School For Creative Learning, \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, 7:30 p.m., Thomson Country Club, North Reading; Charlene Keating 777-4699.

Academy Symphony, featuring the Mozart *Flute Concerto No. 2*, Alexis Olans, flute, 7:30 p.m., Phillips Academy, Cochran Chapel.

Oliver! (see entry under Thursday, Dec. 5), 7:30 p.m.
Angelic Christmas fair

sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, baked goods, crafts, games, 6-9 p.m., free admission, 321 S. Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Working forest tour, sponsored by Andover Junior Garden Club, touring a Christmas tree farm with N.E. Forestry Foundation, meet 10 a.m. at Water Treat-

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Andover Firefighters Christmas Parade steps off Sunday at 1:30

Andover Firefighters announced that their 41st annual Christmas Parade will be held this Sunday, Dec. 1, at 1:30 p.m. Rain date is Dec. 8.

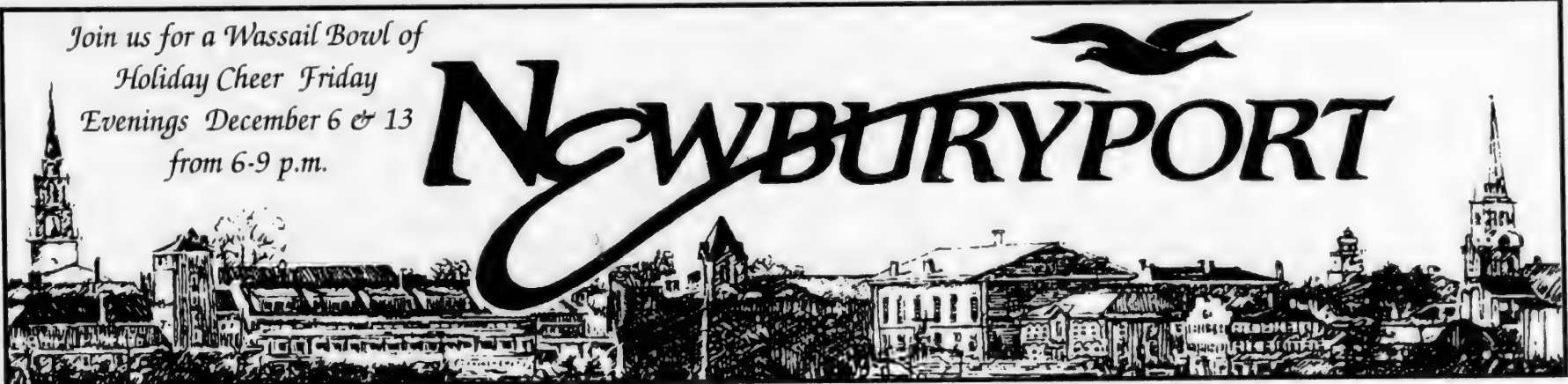
Edward Morrissey, former leader of the Clan McPherson Bagpipe band, will be the grand marshal.

The parade will start at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street, then to Whittier to Elm to Main to Punchard and back to Doherty.

This year's attractions include horses, floats and clowns, with Santa as usual. There will be a special candy float from Star Market and the Andover Firefighters float. To make a donation or to participate in the parade, call Don Hinckley at the Central Fire Station, 470-0262 or 521-5014.

All parade participants must contact the committee before Saturday, Nov. 30, to enter the parade.

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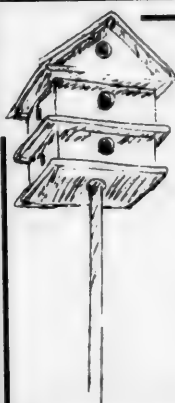


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ment Plant, Lowell Street; C. Joyce Ringleb 475-3490, or Jo-Ann Lovejoy 475-8693.

Christmas celebration by Christ Church, traditional offering of gifts, holiday decorations, books, software, gourmet delights, crafts, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central Street; Julie Ireland Childs 475-6475.



Ken Haedrich

Holiday cooking lesson, featuring Ken Haedrich, acclaimed New Hampshire food writer, Julia Child Cookbook Award recipient, free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m.; Ken

Haedrich (603) 786-9408.
Craft fair, pictures with Santa, boxwood trees, gingerbread houses, children's activity room, theme baskets, raffles and more, free to public, St. Augustine School, 26 Central St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Deborah Charewicz 470-3710.
Red bow fair, crafters and arti-

sans, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., North Parish Church, Osgood and Academy streets, North Andover; Carol Weldin 475-4515.

Holiday music and storytelling, featuring Jerry and Nancy Bell, open to the public, 7-8:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Susan Lenoe or Julie Carlson (800) 491-0143.

Oliver! (see entry under Thursday, Dec. 5), 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Romantic comedy (see entry under Friday, Nov. 29).

Kwanzaa Celebration, celebrating the African-American Ceremony of Light, Academy Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy.

Angelic Christmas fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (see entry under Friday, Dec. 6).

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

Oliver! (see entry under Thursday, Dec. 5), 7:30 p.m.

Lessons and Carols, featuring Academy Chorus, Fidelio Society, and Handbell Choir, 4:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy.

Holiday pops concert presented by the New England String Ensemble, with harpist Deborah Henson-Conant, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St., Newburyport, ticket prices

vary; (617) 224-1117.

Holiday brunch with Steve Janavicus of Flowers by Steve, raising funds for the Cancer Management

Center of Holy Family Hospital, 11:30 a.m., at Andover Country Club, \$37.50; for reservations Bill Burgey 687-0156 Ext. 2720.

New England Classical singers in concert performing Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus*, 2 p.m., \$12, \$6

students and seniors, Merrimack College Chapel; 688-2816.

Time capsule burial ceremony in front of Old Town Hall, Main Street, 350th Anniversary Committee looking for creative sugges-

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Photo by Jane E. Staid

The 97-foot tree is hoisted into place last Saturday at Brickstone Square.

Brickstone Christmas tree lighting is Sunday, Dec. 1

The lighting of the Brickstone tree, the nation's tallest Christmas tree, will be held Sunday, Dec. 1, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Brickstone Square.

Raindate is Monday, Dec. 2, from 6:30-8 p.m.

The event will feature Santa's Village, the reindeer carousel from Santa's Village in Jefferson, N.H., a petting zoo, face-painting, costumed characters, live wood-carving and ice-sculpting, and complimentary refreshments. A dropoff bin for Toys for Tots donations will be available.

Santa's Village

Santa's Village will be open Dec. 6-24: Fridays from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 6-9 p.m.; and also Tuesday, Dec. 24, from 7-9 p.m.

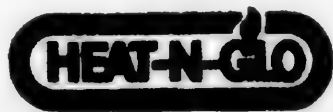
Trees will be sold at \$25 and wreaths at \$10, to benefit St. Ann's Home for Children in Methuen.

Celebrity night Dec. 5

A celebrity night, featuring New England Patriot's cheerleaders, Ken Hodge Sr. of the Boston Bruins and Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV/Channel 4, will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7-9 p.m. Raindate will be Thursday, Dec. 12. Admission, a \$10 donation for anyone over age 6, will be donated to St. Ann's Home. Tickets are available at Brickstone Properties.

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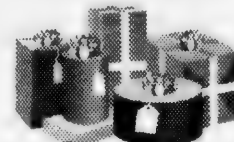
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The Andover Center Association will sponsor a Holiday Open House next Friday, Dec. 6, from 6-9:30 p.m. in the downtown business district. Entertainment will be provided by St. Augustine Church Bell and St. Augustine Church choirs and Phillips Academy Fidelio Society. The Coconut Club Puppet Show will perform "A Gift for a King" in Old Town Hall at 7 p.m. Hayrides will be staffed by DeWolfe New England. Costumed characters will include Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph and Santa Clause will visit. A gingerbread workshop will be held at the Old Thompson's Office Supply location and there will be a country line dancing demonstration. Most ACA member businesses will serve refreshments and over specials. The "Let's Light Downtown" raffle winners (see pages 40 and 41) will be drawn throughout the evening, and more than 50 prizes totaling more than \$3,500 will be awarded. Above, the Mill City Jazz Band performs at last year's event.

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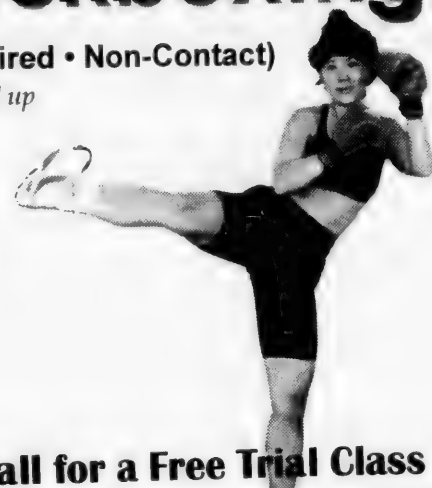
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ONGOING

Holiday Events

Santa's Village at Brickstone Square, reindeer carousel, petting zoo, \$25 trees, \$10 wreaths, benefits St. Ann's Home for Children; Brickstone Square, Haverhill Street, Dec. 6-24, Fridays 7-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 6-9 p.m.; in conjunction with Brickstone Christmas tree; Mark Donohoe (508) 622-7169.

A Christmas Carol presented by Merrimack Valley Repertory Theatre, classic holiday tale by Charles Dickens, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, times and prices vary, showing Dec. 6-22; (508) 454-3926.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, Andover Celebrates: 1896, exhibit looks 100 years back at the community's 250th anniversary, mural of Andover's 1896 celebration painted by Karen Herman and Sue Dennett, photographs and memorabilia, will

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WHAT'S UP

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The Andover Police Patrolman's Union responded to Youth Services' financial needs with a \$1,000 donation, on behalf of the young people in Andover. AYS looks forward to the effect the donation will have on future programs like middle school lacrosse, volleyball, and concerts.

Also, Quiet Pleasures, a jewelry and gift store at 2 Elm Square,

will donate 10 percent of its sales during a one-evening event to Andover Youth Services.

Shop at Quiet Pleasures Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5-8 p.m., and your purchase will go towards raising money for the youth of Andover.

Quiet Pleasures is in the Musgrove Building on Main Street, between Enzo's and Merrill Lynch.

► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services coordinator, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-1943.

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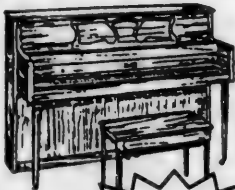
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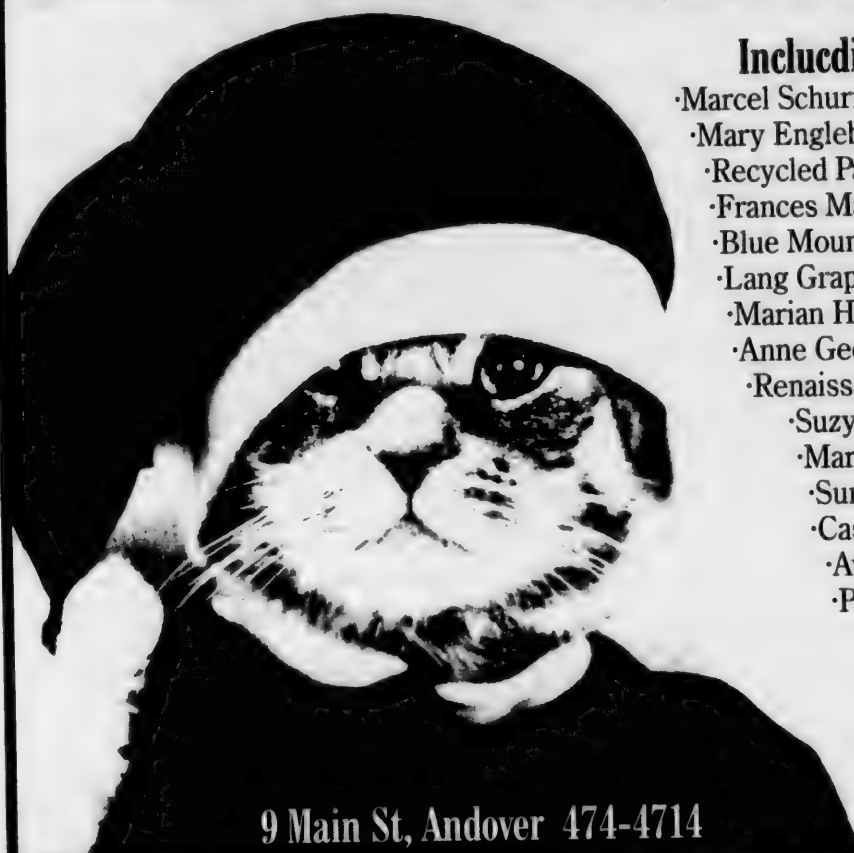
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RELIGION NEWS

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service tonight

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at South Church, 41 Central St., tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 7:30. The service is arranged by the Andover Clergy Association and continues a long tradition in the Andover Interfaith community. Special music will be provided by a combined choir from all houses of worship in town. **Tamara Rozek**, organist and choir director of South Church, will direct. Rehearsal is at 6:30. **Michael Ebner**, Protestant chaplain of Phillips Academy and direc-

tor of youth ministries at South Church, will deliver the sermon. Readings and prayers will be offered by clergy and leaders from the interfaith community.

The 6:30 a.m. Men's Group of

South Church will host a reception following the service in the fellowship hall. **Brad Heim** is chairman. Offerings of food and money will be received for the Neighbors in Need food pantry. Everyone is welcome.

Concert to benefit Neighbors In Need

The choirs and instrumentalists of South Church and West Parish Church will join talents in a concert to

benefit Neighbors In Need this Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen. The choirs will be conducted by **Tamara Rozek**, director of music and organist at South Church,

Susan Spollett, director of youth choirs, and **Eunice Kim**, director of music and organist at West Parish Church. A committee was led by the **Rev. Cal Mutti** and the **Rev. Joe LaDu**. Neighbors In Need

is an emergency food program that distributes food to more than 400 families a week through eight pantries located in the greater Lawrence area. Directed by **Rejeanne Keeley**, Neighbors In Need

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Temple Emanuel sponsors talk on changing roles of men and women in Jewish life

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Sylvia Barack Fishman

Sylvia Barack Fishman, a specialist in contemporary Jewish life at Brandies University, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m.

Prof. Fishman will address such current subjects as: "Is the enormous success of Jewish men in the American corporate, professional and business worlds accompanied by rampant assimilation?"

"Is the traditional Jewish mother disappearing out the door with a briefcase and neglecting children and home, as evidenced by increased levels of female education and career ambition and accomplishment?"

"Do women's demands in the synagogue spell trouble for the Jewish people?" "How do Jewish children learn about their heritage and culture?"

"Can teenage trips to Israel solve the crisis in American Jewish identity?" and "What can we learn about ourselves from statistics, interviews, discussion groups and movies and television?"

Prof. Fishman is the author of numerous articles and two books, *Follow My Footprints: Changing Images of*

Women in Jewish Fiction, and *A Breath of Life: Feminism in the American Jewish Community*, which won a National Jewish Book Council award.

She received the Samuel Belkin Award in Distinguished Professional Achievement from Yeshiva University, and has a regular column in the *New York Jewish Week*.

This event is sponsored by Alex and Evelina Kolchinsky, in honor of their son, Joseph's bar mitzvah.

For more information, call Ms. Kolchinsky at 470-1355, or Temple Emanuel's adult education committee at 470-1356.

Temple Emanuel will hold its annual College Homecoming Sabbath Fri-

day, Nov. 29, at 8:15 p.m. First-year college students will relate their experiences of being college freshmen.

All college students and their families are encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

Clarification

For the Town Directory & Newcomers Guide, which was published in the Nov. 14 issue of the *Townsmen*, Havurat Shalom has supplied updated information.

The correct mailing address is: P.O. Box 568, Andover, 01810.

The correct contact person is Richard Fink, at 475-4062.

OBITUARIES

Robert M. Ackerman Was born in Andover

Robert M. Ackerman, 25, of Plainview, N.Y., died Friday, Nov. 22.

Mr. Ackerman was born in Andover and educated in Oceanside, N.Y. He was a varsity athlete in football, baseball and wrestling at Oceanside High School and an avid bicyclist. He was a sports medicine major at Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va., and a business student in Boca Raton, Fla.

Members of his family include his father, Howard Ackerman of Boxford, chief operating officer at Malden Mills Industries Inc., and stepmother, Janice Ackerman of Boxford; his mother and stepfather, Cecile and Walter Roth of Plainview, N.Y.; brother, Adam Ackerman of Baldwin, N.Y.; sisters, Cheryl Ackerman of College Station, Texas, and Judith Ackerman of Plainview, N.Y.; stepbrothers, Brad Bousquet of New Haven, Conn., and Adam Roth of Ohio; stepsister, Randie Roth of

Chicago, Ill.; and grandparents, Benjamin and Sayde Ackerman of Waterbury, Conn.

Services were held Sunday at Gutterman's Chapel in Woodbury, N.Y. Burial was at Congregation Sons of Israel in Englishtown, N.J.

Family members will be at the home, sitting *shivah* through Thursday, Nov. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 207 Ipswich Road, Boxford.

Memorial donations may be made to Don Monti Leukemia Foundation, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, N.Y.

Olive L. Carruthers Punchard High grad from class of 1915 was longtime Phillips Academy secretary

Olive L. (Hardy) Carruthers, 99, of Tewksbury died Sunday, Nov. 24, at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell after a long illness.

Ms. Carruthers had lived in Andover for many years before mov-

ing to Tewksbury in 1983.

She graduated from the former Punchard High School in 1915.

Ms. Carruthers was an active member and supporter of West Parish Church for 80 years. She served as treasurer and crafts chairman of the church's former Womens Union, and was a member of the Evening Circle hospitality organization.

She was a secretary at Phillips Academy for many years until she retired.

Members of her family include her sister, Marion E. Garside, with whom she lived; two nephews; 10 great-nieces and great-nephews; and 16 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in West Parish Church. Burial was in West Parish Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Farmer & Dee Funeral Home in Tewksbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 01810.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

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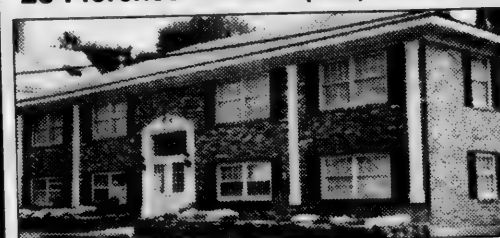
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Bancroft's M.A.P. program marks progress with Native American evening

Bancroft School's Multi-Age Primary Pilot (M.A.P.) is well underway. The first marking period ended with a Native American evening the encompassed all the children had learned over eight weeks.

First-, second- and third-grade students in the program have been studying about the three Native American tribes that are focused on the Houghton Mifflin Social Studies series. Each teacher in the program became an "expert"

on one Native people and the children rotated in their multi-level homebase groups. Children learned about the natural resources the tribes used and how they adapted to the surrounding in which they lived. Primary focus was placed on the understanding that the Natives used the resources available to them to survive, and they did not waste any part of what they took from nature; it was always to be respected.

M.A.P. children then chose

the Native group they were most interested in and worked with the teachers to plan presentations for parents. The final performance was held the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Carolyn Lucchese's group worked on a skit that focused on the Spaniard introduction of horses to the Cheyennes. This dramatically impacted the way the Cheyennes lived and hunted for buffalo, which were so important to their survival.

Dianne Caraviello's chil-

dren worked on the Kwakiutl tribe of the Pacific Northwest. They painted a mural of a long house and the forest and a canoe in which the Natives would have fished for salmon and did presentations on these ideas.

Eileen Murphy's group transformed the loft area into a Navajo village with a hogan, garden and sheep.

They became Navajo people as parents and guests were guided through the display in "Plymouth Plantation fash-

ion."

The children worked together in their multi-age groups, forming concepts, understandings and friendships.

The Bancroft M.A.P. is a two-year pilot program approved by Superintendent Dick Neal and the School Committee last spring.

It involves four teachers in a loft setting, four assistants and 75 integrated first- second- and third-grade students.

The program is being housed in the former first loft.

EVENTS CALENDAR LISTINGS

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remain on view through 1996, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., library and office hours Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; 475-2236.

RELIGION News

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has sponsored many other programs over the past 10 years, including Adopt a Family, Holiday in February, SHARE, Dollar A Bag, and At Your Service pediatric nurse consultant.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children. For reservations, call 685-8321.

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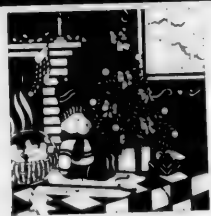
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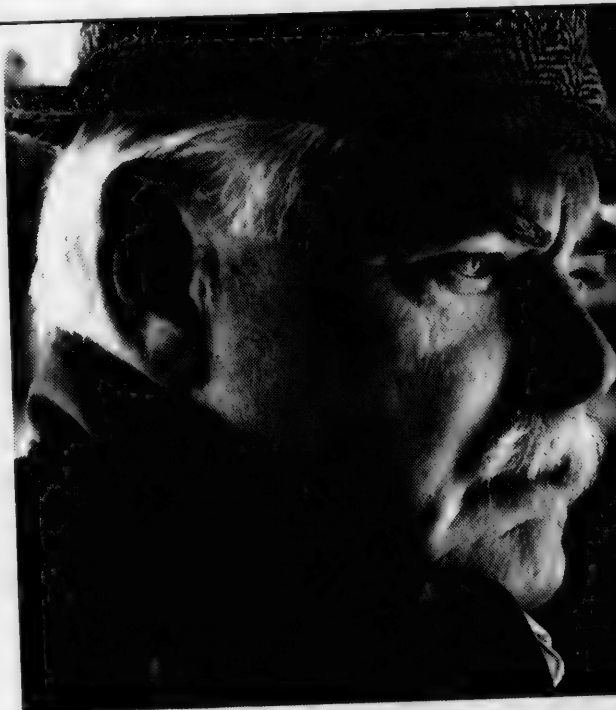
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'Just being in the water has tremendous benefits'

By Monique Vallee

Meghan Roberts says she spends every Sunday at the Andover/North Andover YMCA swimming with her friends. Her friends are the students in the adaptive swim program run by the Easter Seal Society. Ms. Roberts is one of about 30 volunteers from Andover High School and Phillips Academy who keep the program afloat.

Adaptive swim was created in the 1950s for children with disabilities. Its success doesn't depend on whether the students actually learn to swim, according to Anne Schofield, regional director of Easter Seals.

"Just being in the water has tremendous benefits.

The pool activity offers the kids freedom they don't experience elsewhere," she says.

The main emphasis is on practicing motor-skill exercises. The volunteers don't have to be lifeguards or swim-team members.

"They have to want to work with the kids," says Diane Sweet, aquatics director.

For more than 10 years, the Andover/No. Andover YMCA has been host to the Merrimack Valley branch. For more than 10 years, volunteers like Ms. Roberts have been spending their Sundays swimming with their friends.



Sarah Lentz, a volunteer with the program and a student at Andover High School, enjoys swim time with Stephen MacLeon at the YMCA.



Lang Grady, 6, with his father, Todd Grady, of Old School House Road.



Kevin Gomey of Lawrence, with Linda Sweet, aquatics director at the Andover/North Andover YMCA.

Photos by Monique Vallee .



Looks like a lot of fun in the water at the Andover/North Andover YMCA. In this photo are swimmers John Casanave, Caitlin Neri and Janna Friedman, all of Andover.

'Neighbors need to be involved in downtown planning'

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and branches he's covered it with, the snow plows, sidewalk plows, street sweepers and natural erosion this winter will probably take away most of the work he's done.

But Mr. Ryan is not dismayed. While doing the work, at least 10 of his neighbors stopped to talk with him about what he was doing, some of whom are thinking about doing something similar, and they were very supportive. He plans to bill the town for the materials. His neighbors are waiting to hear how he makes out.

Mr. Ryan and his wife, Carol, have lived in their house for 18 years. He tends to be a bit reactionary, he said, but is getting better about that. After seeing a recent *Townsmen* article about a group of business owners and others lobbying for an anchor store and parking garage downtown, his initial reaction was to rip off a scathing letter to the editor. After all, he was one of those who several years ago successfully lobbied against a proposal to build a parking garage at Park Street Village. The parking garage didn't get built, but the three-story retail building there now blocks the view he once had of the steeple on one of the churches on Central Street. Still, he held back on the letter.

"I can (whine) and moan, or I can take care of what I can take care of," he said.

In addition to the planting strip, what Mr. Ryan did was attend a meeting of the group pushing for vitalization of the downtown. Rather than be a nay-sayer, he decided to get involved and try to encourage the group to keep in mind the needs and concerns of the residents who are neighbors to the central business district.

What Mr. Ryan heard from a consultant at that first meeting was that an anchor store was not what Andover needed, and that parking garages are not necessarily a good thing and are very expensive. What the consultant said Andover needs, Mr. Ryan said, is to play on its strengths, such as having Phillips Academy and a downtown with a New England atmosphere. The consultant talked about places like Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, and how they retain their charm by not

Town's planting strip policy is changed

The town's policy on planting strips was changed about six months ago to require that grass be planted whenever work takes place in the town-owned land between town roads and public sidewalks, said Bob McQuade, Public Works director, and Jim Bamford, town tree warden. The change was outlined in a memo from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Now, when the town crew takes down a tree and chips out the stump, even if the tree is surrounded with asphalt, it puts down dirt and grass seed, Mr. Bamford said.

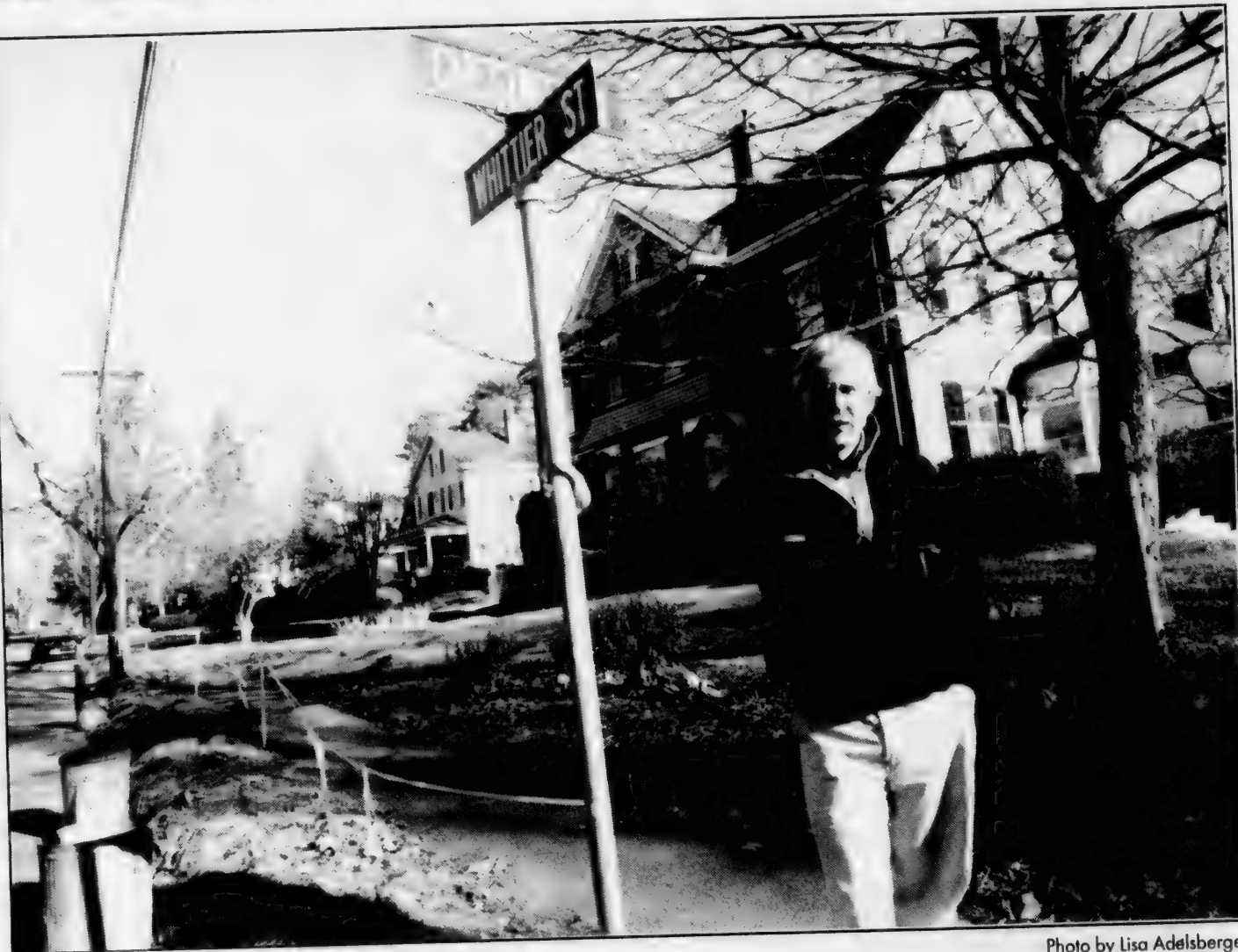


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Denis H. Ryan, of 54 Chestnut St., stands at the corner of Chestnut and Whittier streets, with his house in the background. He's upset that the town paves the green strip between the road and the sidewalk when a tree dies, and he's trying to make sure that doesn't happen in front of his house so he rebuilt the planting strips on the town land between the roadway and the sidewalks in front of his house.

succumbing to commercialization.

Mr. Ryan said he was pleasantly surprised by those comments, and he wants to encourage those at the meeting to heed them.

He said the business community in some of the *Townsmen* articles seemed a bit insensitive to their residential neighbors. While he understands increasing retail activity in the downtown builds the customer base and is good for businesses, what it means to those who live on the neighboring side streets is more cars parking in front of their homes, and more traffic using their streets as shortcuts around the congestion on Main Street.

"What goes on in the downtown greatly affects life in the greater downtown area," Mr. Ryan said. "The residents who live around the downtown need to be more involved."

Eighteen years ago there were two supermarkets, two hardware stores and two drugstores to choose from downtown, Mr. Ryan said. "All those things kind of got pushed aside by the development craze downtown," he said.

He is encouraging residents who live downtown to join him in forming a loose coalition to look out for their needs, possibly a greater downtown Andover residents association. He is not sure if such a group already exists,

formally or informally. He is aware that he and other neighbors have on occasion rallied to deal with a specific issue, such as the parking garage proposal or another effort a few years ago to turn a two-family home on Whittier Street into a rooming house. This group could work with those proposing changes for the downtown, rather than just confront them when plans are brought forward, he said.

Mr. Ryan is also hoping to encourage the town to adopt a new policy about the planting strips. When one of his Whittier Street neighbors asked the Department of Public Works to replant the strip in front of the neighbor's house after some work there, the neighbor was told they don't do that, Mr. Ryan said. It takes too much time and effort to maintain them, he said the neighbor was told. Instead, they pave. The neighbor offered to do it himself, but before he could, the town came in and paved it. Mr. Ryan is hoping to change that policy.

"It's the town working against itself," he said.

The way he figures it, nobody had a plan to pave Maple Avenue so it looks like an airport runway, as it was likened to at Special Town Meeting. But every time a tree died and was taken down, it was just easier to fill in the

patch with asphalt. Over time, the patches of asphalt have been connected so today there is no curb and grass strip, just asphalt from the yards on one side of the road to the yards on the other, with little delineation as to where the street ends and the sidewalks begin.

Mr. Ryan understands there is no money to resolve this problem - on Maple Avenue, in front of his house or anywhere else in town - at once.

"I don't foresee the town doing anything in the near future," he said.

But he hopes that by reversing the policy, and planting grass and installing curbing instead of paving a site whenever an excavation is made, there can be a gradual restoration of the sidewalks, curbs and planting strips.

Somebody said at Special Town Meeting that the town has "the best administrators in the state," Mr. Ryan said.

"Well, then there's a challenge to the best administrators in the state," Mr. Ryan said. "How do you put together a plan for, over a 10- to 15-year period," so you don't have people coming in and asking for \$180,000 to fix their street, as they did on Maple Avenue?

Courtyard Retail Center moving to completion

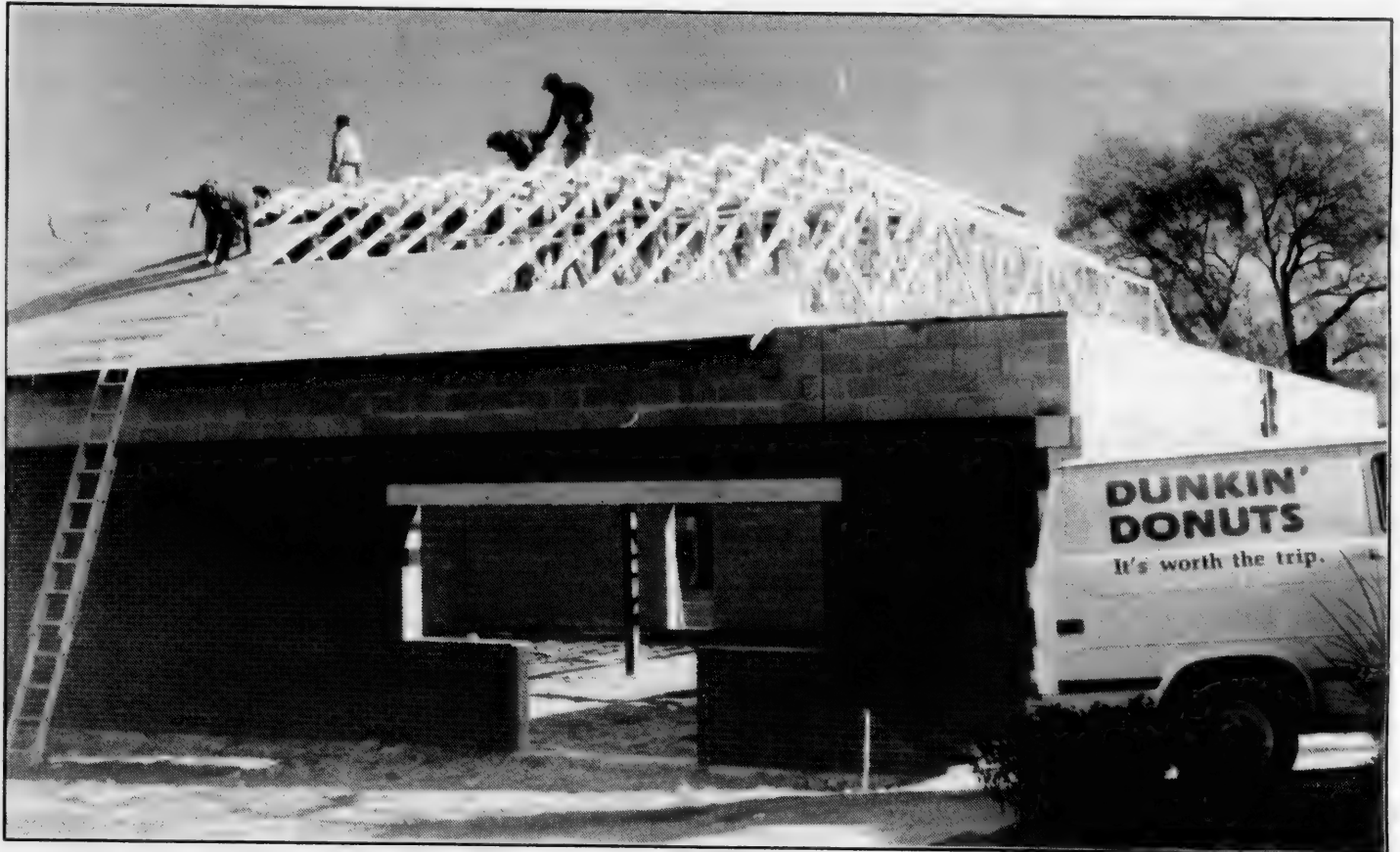
By Don Staruk

Construction on the Courtyard Retail Center at 349 N. Main St. is well under way and the developer, James Chongris, of 9 Wescott Road, said he expects to finish the building - weather permitting - by February or March.

Mr. Chongris said Tuesday he does not have any leases signed yet, but that the building will be available for office or retail use. He said he is just seeking "good tenants who pay their rent."

The roughly 14,000-square-foot building sits on a 1.44-acre lot, on the site of the former Shawsheen Manor. Dunkin Donuts is located on a portion of the lot and will remain where it is.

Mr. Chongris' first design plan was rejected by planners in 1990, mostly because it lacked "a great deal of respect for the general architectural style found in the vicinity," according to a letter from planners at the time. A revised plan with a completely new design for the project was approved in 1991, but that permit later expired. A new permit was issued in 1994 for essentially the same 1991 plan.



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

People work on the roof of the new building at 349 N. Main Street, where James Chongris is building a 14,000-square foot building.

Schools want used computers

As another holiday season approaches, the Andover Fund for Education is once again urging Andover residents who are buying new computers to donate their old computers to the public schools.

This three-year-old project, supported by the Andover schools' technology committee and endorsed by the superintendent of schools, has provided thousands of dollars worth of computers, printers, software and peripherals to the school system.

Ray Tode, Technology Integration coordinator, who supervises the placement of the computers in the schools, says, "We make a special effort to place each computer in the school system from which the donation came."

Mr. Tode notes that the computers should be Macintosh or IBM 486 models, or better, and in good working order.

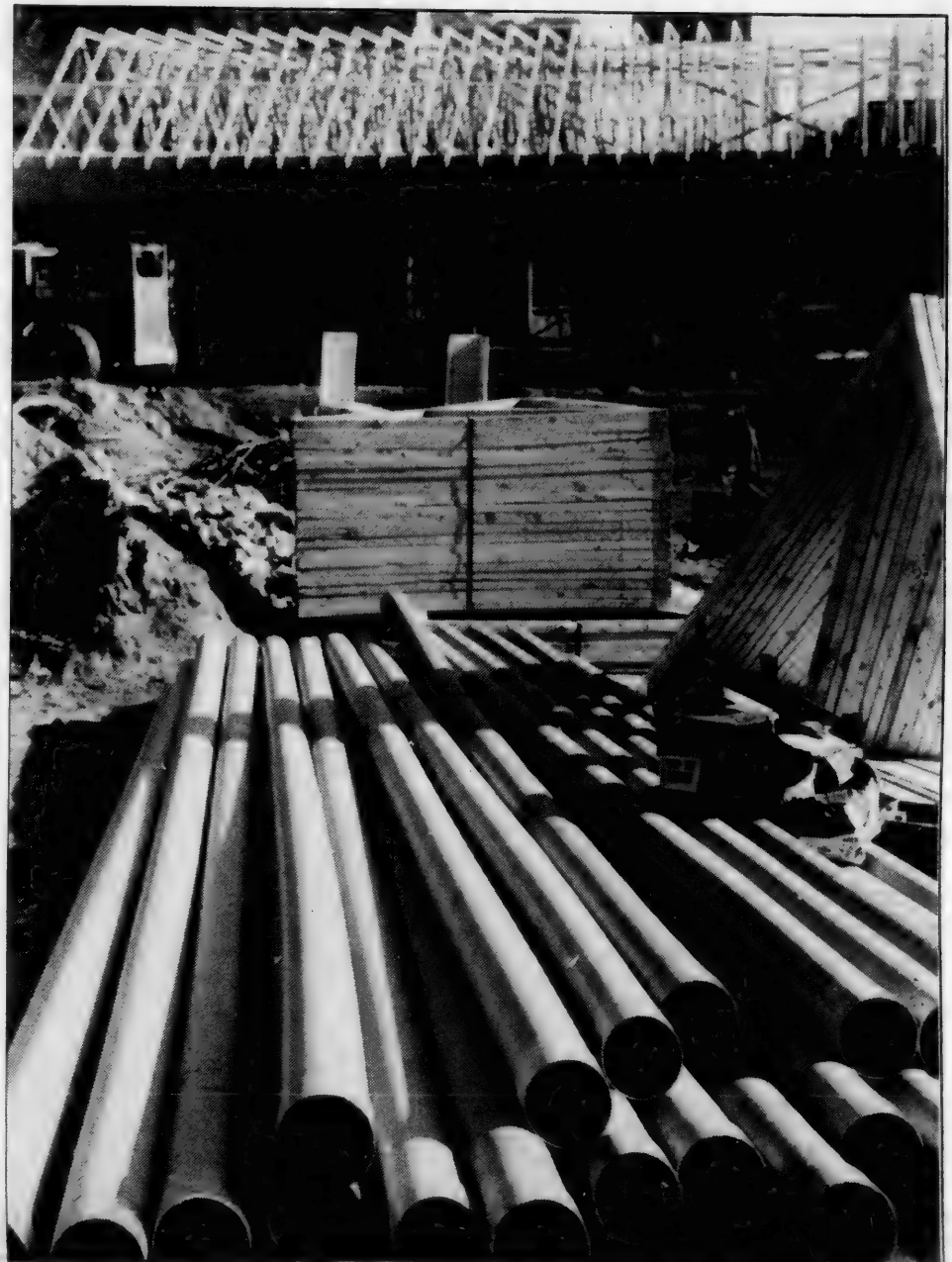
Donors will not only make a contribution to public education in Andover, but will earn a significant tax deduction. Call AFE board member Bill Kane at 475-5041 to arrange for pick-up.

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of public education in Andover by funding projects beyond the reach of the school system budget.



Trucks, pipes and workers at the North Main Street site.

The owner says he is looking for good tenants who pay their rent. Materials lay stacked and ready to go at the site on North Main Street.



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Giving thanks for our blessings

Andover has its blessings – many of them. It's the time of year for us to reflect, to count our blessings, and to give thanks for this community.

Here are some reasons Andover can be grateful:

- There are about 200 people in town who volunteer their time and expertise to serve on committees and boards. Without their help, the town wouldn't be able to afford the advice and guidance they offer.

- That residents here care deeply about their community. That level of caring is evident in the response we're getting to making sure Main Street is lit up for the holidays. It is evident in the amount of discussion that's ongoing about growth here. Residents could go about their own private business and avoid getting involved in long-range planning for this community, but that is not the case.

- That there is great interest in the race for three seats on the Board of Selectmen. When there's interest in a race, candidates and those questioning them talk about the issues and help the community focus on its priorities.

- That the level of caring here has brought out a group of business people who are studying the downtown to ask: What do we want in our downtown? Does it look the way we want it to? Are we attracting the businesses we want so we'll have a good mix of businesses and a healthy downtown?

- That the schools are trying some innovative programs. To give a couple of examples, we mention the combined leveling pilot program at Bancroft School and the fact that the School Committee was scheduled to discuss "high school alternative school programs" at its Nov. 26 meeting. [*The Townsman went to press before the meeting.*]

- And finally, that scores of community members dropped what they were doing last week to participate in the League of Women Voters' and the Townwide PTO's (itself an awesome, energetic group) community read-along program.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This photo of construction at Andover High School was taken two weeks ago, looking toward the cafeteria.

I've seen the light: It's time to slow down

By Perry Colmore

I went to a light show last Friday. It lasted only 10 to 15 minutes. It was beautiful. And frightening.

Just after lunch, I went back upstairs to my office to do some work at the computer. Right after I sat down, I began to see colors, lots of pale, beautiful colors. The colors, which were in my peripheral vision, were undulating, moving in the light, almost like ripples on a pond. The sphere of the color field seemed to grow.

At first I was astounded. "What's happening? What is this?"

Then I was frightened. "What's going to happen next? Is my brain going to explode? Will the colors slowly take over my whole field of vision and I'll be blind? Is this a brain tumor?"

Next thoughts were embarrassment. I still can't believe that embarrassment is our reaction. When

we're in a life-threatening situation, we're embarrassed. Anyway, I didn't feel like telling anyone in the office. I didn't think anyone would understand. And besides, I didn't know what to say. Maybe I was losing my mind, and that's unacceptably embarrassing.

So I did the next best thing. I called my eye doctor. No doctors were in at that office, but the receptionist suggested I call another doctor, who was on call.

I did it. That office said come right in. Of course that just verified the worst. I must be in trouble.

By the time I got ready to leave and was telling a few people in the office that I was involved in a light show that required a doctor, the show stopped. It was over.

Still, I went to the doctor. There, I told him what had happened, and by that time, I'd learned how to describe it better. "It was like looking into a kaleidoscope," I said.

"And it lasted 10 to 15 minutes?" he chimed in.

"Yes," I answered.

"And it would have been beautiful if you weren't frightened, right?"

"Right."

"You had an optical migraine," said the doctor.

"But I didn't and don't have a headache," I said.

"Well, you're lucky," he said. "I've had two optical migraines and I didn't have the headache part either. But a lot of people get sick to their stomachs, and get a bad headache."

Well, at least it wasn't cancer, and I felt relieved.

"Are you under stress?" he asked.

"Oh yes." And then I told him what I do for a living, told him that the holiday weeks are difficult with earlier-than-usual deadlines, and that I've got a book coming out in a couple of weeks.

"Ouch," was the look on his face.

"When I had my two optical migraines," he said, "I was under stress both times. And my patients who have had them get them when they're under stress."

He examined me for other eye problems, declared me in good health, and asked that I follow up with a retina doctor and with a neurologist, the latter who might help

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LETTERS

England pleased with Townsmen cuttings

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We have just received a parcel from Jo Comparato, 10 Fulton Road, with whom we stayed while visiting your Andover in August, and which included cuttings from the *Andover Townsmen*. We were very pleased to see how successful the 350th anniversary celebration parade in September was. We are only sorry that we couldn't be there to see it.

However, we enjoyed our stay in your delightful town during this special time, particularly the visits to the Town Hall, the Andover Historical Society and your own offices, and look forward to coming again soon. Our Town Twinning (Sister City) Association is trying to further the links with your town and we do hope that they are successful.

Meanwhile we both have very happy memories of our short time in your Andover.

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Democrats did well in the Nov. 5 election

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The most important result from the Nov. 5 election is not how many Democrats or Republicans or Independents are registered, but who won. I want to thank every voter who supported our candidates and our party philosophy.

We elected Bill Clinton to another term; Sen. John Kerry is back in the Senate. (Kerry's headquarters expected a 30-35 percent vote from Andover; with multi-party support, we delivered over 40 percent to aid Sen. Kerry to carry the entire state.) Congressman Marty Meehan and State Sen. John O'Brien have demonstrated to be such capable and competent public officials that the

Republicans fielded no challengers. Marguerite Kane is again county commissioner, Tim Bassett, county treasurer, Patricia Dowling again Governor's Council, and Pamela Casey O'Brien defeated Republican incumbent Ann Stirling for Register of Probate.

What probably is more significant in this election is that Mr. Barry Finegold of Andover captured the State Rep's seat, currently held by three-term Republican incumbent, Mr. Gary Coon, a fine gentleman from an equally fine and classy family. With the enthusiasm and momentum generated by a field of new supporters, young and old alike, we may in 1998 restore more Democrats to statewide offices currently held by Republicans.

Peter G. McCarthy
69 Andover St.

Lights out? You must report it, for action

Editor, *Townsmen*:

You've lost your electricity. So has your neighbor. Your fuses are OK. What do you do?

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Perhaps you already knew this. More likely, you're like me. Over a long life, I have suffered patiently through many outages, knowing that "nothing can be done." Live; learn.

Thayer S. Warshaw
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See the light: Slow down

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me if I had another such episode and it included the headache part.

Driving back to the office, I made some resolutions. I've had a warning, albeit a beautiful warning, but nevertheless a serious warning. Slow down. I'm one of those persons who thrives on deadlines and I can get a lot done at one time. But this time I've been driving so hard I have overlooked the symptoms. I haven't been reading books, I barely read the newspapers, I'm waking up early, not sleeping well, eating lunch at my desk, not exercising enough.

I've told several people about my light show, and I've heard many, many

of you live with these light shows on a regular basis. And many of you have the accompanying headaches.

I'm sharing this story so you will hear what I'm saying. This is holiday season, and most of us do too much at this time of year. I'm included in that category. If we make ourselves sick, we're completely losing the point of the holidays. This is a time to give thanks, to say we're grateful for the beauty of the earth, for healing, for a good job, for creative energy, for my husband and my family, for puppies, for community, for music, for friends, for literature, and a lot more.

Slow down with me. Let's try to skip the light shows. Life is full of light without adding unhealthy light.

700 on petition oppose state gambling casinos

Senator John O'Brien received petitions with names of more than 700 voters from the Andover/Lawrence area who oppose legalizing casinos in Massachusetts.

The petition drive was an election-day pilot project sponsored by the Massachusetts Anti-Casino Coalition in four state Senate districts across

nize that casinos bring increases in crime, corruption, fraud and family debt. Recent studies in states such as Illinois and Minnesota illustrate that the negative economic and social impacts of casinos surface two to three years following legalization.

Voters recognize that if casino gambling is legalized in Massachusetts,

According to Sue Tucker of Andover, state coordinator of the Anti-Casino Coalition, citizens recognize that casinos bring increases in crime, corruption, fraud and family debt.

the state to gauge voter opinion regarding opening the door to casinos in Massachusetts.

The most common voter comments included references to increased crime, a ripoff of people who can least afford it, harm to families and the fact that there is too much gambling already in this state.

A vote in the Legislature whether or not to legalize casino gambling is likely to occur in the next session.

According to Sue Tucker of Andover, state coordinator of the Anti-Casino Coalition, citizens recog-

they will ultimately have little control over where they are located. Community economic development plans, based on attracting desirable industries, could be shattered by location of casinos.

Ms. Tucker characterized opposition to more forms of gambling in Massachusetts as a political sleeping giant.

"In a single day we collected thousands of signatures in only a few senatorial districts. People are saying 'enough is enough' when it comes to gambling," she said.

Town's own Web site

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town's departments have been given a link, and now it's just a matter of the individual departments deciding what to put on it.

One thing that should help is the fact that the home page has a questionnaire where browsers are asked to fill in some information about what kind of equipment they are using to access the web, but also have the

it this time around, assessors would like eventually to have property valuations available on the web. This would save residents coming into the office and waiting for a terminal, or going to the library to plow through a records book. Membership of various committees and phone numbers might also be available. There is already a link to the Andover Historical Society, where users can access

<http://www.town.andover.ma.us>

opportunity to tell the town what kind of information they would like available on the town's page. On the library site the feedback selection is called the "suggestion box."

Mr. Krajewski said the information will really be along three lines or levels. The first level would be to have information related to major municipal events, such as the setting of taxes, the town elections or when the Department of Community Services is having people sign up for classes. A DCS schedule might be accompanied by times to sign up or even a registration form to download. Prior to elections, voter registration forms and information might be available.

A second level of information would be data. Although they missed

tour information, hours of operation, a schedule of special events and some of the town's history.

Finally, meeting notices and minutes or recaps of meetings could be available. Eventually, the meetings listing will be updated every Friday, Ms. Russell said.

Much of the way the town's web page looks and operates will depend on what residents want, Mr. Krajewski said.

"It's really an evolving sort of thing," he said.

One resident already suggested the page maintain a sports schedule that would list, for example, when a game is canceled.

A variety of different forms may

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Plane

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traffic reporter for Boston radio stations.

"I'm just happy to be walking around with no problem. You never know what to expect from something like that," said Mr. Haught, of Saugus. "You train for hundreds and hundreds of hours but you never know" how you'll react in that kind of situation.

Mr. Haught initially planned to glide into the northwest parking lot of Andover's Raytheon, but he said he knew he could use the woods surrounding the lot if the plane couldn't make it. Without any engine power, the plane did not reach the parking lot.

Mr. Haught said he slowed down the plane as it neared the tree tops and the plane scraped along "10 to 20 yards on top of the trees and actually came to a rest on top of the trees."

Then, the weight of the engine swung the front of the plane downward. The plane stopped with its propeller inches from the ground.

The Cessna 172 plane had come to rest less than 50 yards from the Raytheon parking lot. Mr. Haught and Mr. Culkeen left the plane, walked away from the crash site and entered Raytheon's developed property to get help.

"After the reality was over, I was just happy to be alive," said Mr. Haught.

Asked if this Thanksgiving would be special for him, he said, "Yeah, I'd say so. I'm very thankful I am safe and my passenger, Chris, was safe."

"My college finally paid off," joked Mr. Haught, who attended Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona

Beach, Fla. "I'll be paying off loans for the next 30 years but I'm thankful" the training worked.

The two crash survivors were not the only ones happy with the outcome. Several neighbors and passers-by, who stood on the streets near the crash site anxious for information, were relieved to hear no one was hurt.

Dean Smith, of Acton, had been standing in Metropolitan Life Insurance's River Road parking lot with some other people when they heard the plane sputter above them.

Mr. Smith said the plane backfired repeatedly and then "backfired one last time" before disappearing from sight.

Mr. Smith said he drove to the woods surrounding the crash site to learn what happened. He smiled broadly when he heard the two occupants walked away from the crash.

"I'm glad to hear they're OK," he said. "That's great."

"In the news, usually it doesn't work out that way. I'm surprised they made it out OK. From what I saw they weren't going to be OK," he said. "They were going fast when I saw them. It looked like the engine stalled

and they were coming down."

Mr. Haught said he's encountered small problems before but never anything of this magnitude.

"The plane was running fine and we heard an initial popping or a bang in the engine," said Mr. Haught. "It only backfired a few times and then it basically lost power."

According to Andover police, Mr. Haught was flying at about 1,500 feet when he heard the bang in his engine.

Mr. Haught said in that situation a pilot knows to keep the plane's speed up "and it will just become a big glider basically."

"Trees are actually a really good place to land as long as you come in in a controlled manner," he explained.

Even with the help of a helicopter, police needed several minutes to find the perpendicular plane. The cover of night made the plane difficult to see, while an undercover of thorns made the plane difficult to reach from several directions.

The plane was removed from the woods in the late afternoon Friday, Nov. 22.

Andover police said state and Federal Aviation Administration officials are investigating the cause of the crash.

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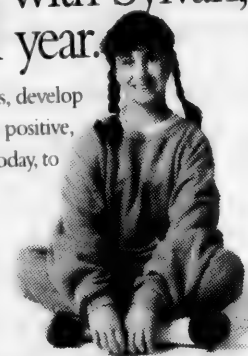
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"We're really a basic family-oriented office," he said.

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DiFruscia said a good lawyer should understand the art of negotiation. His own special strength and interest is trying cases before a jury, even though only about 5 percent of cases actually go to trial.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 2:19 a.m., Gilberto M. Figueroa, a.k.a. Gilberto Martinez, a.k.a. Juion Martinez, 24, of 600 Bulfinch Drive, Apt. 202, was arrested on Bulfinch Drive after alleged suspicious activity and charged on five warrants, including one for failure to pay motor vehicle fines, two for felony assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, another for default on motor vehicle charges, and a default warrant for felony witness intimidation.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 - At 10:08 p.m., Scott E. Smerdon, 26, of 18 Juniper Road, was arrested on Shawsheen Road and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol) and a red light violation.

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 12:34 a.m., John A. Gianino, 40, of Easton, was arrested on Main Street and charged on a warrant for operating after suspension of his license, operating unregistered, and a state highway violation.

At 7:30 a.m., Oscar Vazquez, 25, of Lawrence, was arrested at the police station on North Main Street and charged on a traffic

warrant.

At 2:40 p.m., Lawrence P. Perry, 44, of Dracut, was arrested on Shawsheen Road and charged on a number of warrants, including one from Cambridge for larceny and three from Lowell, for destruction of property, motor vehicle violations and assault and battery. He was also charged with operating after suspension of his license, unregistered, uninsured and with illegal plates.

Saturday, Nov. 23 - At 6:56 a.m., Gordon M. Midolo, 48, of Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating unregistered, unregistered and with illegal plates, and on a warrant.

INCIDENTS

Saturday, Nov. 23 - At 12:32 p.m., a bomb threat was received at NYNEX, 20 Shattuck Road. The building was checked by police and fire officials and nothing was found.

After two reports of domestic violence or threats of domestic violence earlier in the week, at 7:55 p.m., a 209A restraining order was served to a man on Tanglewood Way South.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 2:27 p.m., an accident was reported near 29 Central St., at St. Augustine's School.

At 4:14 p.m., an accident was reported near Raytheon at 350 Lowell St.

At 5:09 p.m., a minor accident was reported near 1 Union St.

At 5:23 p.m., an accident was reported near 149 Haverhill St.

At 5:41 p.m., state police handled an accident on Route 125 at Wildwood Road.

At 6 p.m., a minor accident was reported near 236 N. Main St.

At 6:02 p.m., an accident was reported near 339 N. Main St., at Woodworth Motors.

At 6:23 p.m., an accident with injuries was reported near 332 N. Main St.

At 6:37 p.m., an accident was reported near 96 Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 8 a.m., an accident was reported near Raytheon at 350 Lowell St.

At 8:44 a.m., a dog was reported hit by a car near 66 Bellevue Road.

At 1:46 p.m., an accident was reported in the Andover Bank parking lot off Central Street.

At 3:18 p.m., an accident was reported on River Road near the Interstate 93 overpass.

At 5:58 p.m., a two-car accident with minor injuries was reported near 45 Haverhill St.

Friday, Nov. 22 - At 5:43 a.m., an accident was reported near 160 Dascomb Road.

At 10:26 a.m., a minor accident was reported near 140 Haverhill St.

At 11:15 a.m., a minor accident was reported near 69 Andover St., near Wingate nursing home.

At 12:20 p.m., an accident was reported near 20 Morton St.

At 5:41 p.m., a two-car accident with injuries was reported near 2 Riverina Road.

At 6:46 p.m., a deer was struck and injured near 372 River Road. The deer was killed and given to a resident.

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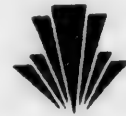
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Officer grabs suspect in garage break

By Don Staruk

A man arrested during a break into Lund's Service Station on South Main Street Saturday night is being looked at as a suspect in a number of previous breaks here and in other towns, according to police.

Thomas P. Murphy, 28, of Billerica, was charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, and possession of burglary tools.

Officer William Ouellette responded to an alarm at Lund's, 431 S. Main St., at 9:35 p.m. Saturday and found a lower panel on an overhead door damaged. Upon checking, Officer Ouellette found the panel could be pushed open so someone could have gone in, and he called for backup. When he scanned the garage area with his flashlight, he saw a

person duck down behind a car inside. Officer Ouellette then entered the building, pulled his gun and ordered the suspect to come out of the building. On his second request, Mr. Murphy came out and was placed under arrest.

Detective Donald Pattullo commended Officer Ouellette on the arrest and said police are looking at the possibility that Mr. Murphy was involved in several previous breaks in the area, including one at Lund's and one at Santina's Restaurant, 516 S. Main St., both of which occurred about a month ago. Mr. Murphy is also being looked at for similar breaks that occurred in businesses in North Reading, Reading, Wilmington, Woburn, Winchester and Stoneham, according to Detective Pattullo.

POLICE LOG

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BREAKS

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 7:15 a.m., items were reported taken in a garage break overnight on Apple Blossom Road.

At 4:16 p.m., a possible house break was reported on Magnolia Drive.

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 2:13 p.m., a car break was reported in the West Middle School parking lot on Shawsheen Road.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - At 8:20 a.m., a go-cart was reported taken from a garage on Paulonette Circle.

At 9:29 a.m., an item was reported taken from a desk in an office on Riverside Drive.

At 12:46 p.m., a possible theft of a federal Firearms Identification Card was reported by an Orchard Street resident.

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 11:50 a.m., light assemblies were reported taken from a car

on Elm Street.

Saturday, Nov. 23 - At 6:10 p.m., tools were reported taken on Apple Blossom Road.

At 10:08 p.m., a purse was reported taken from Pasta Villagio restaurant in Park Street Village.

Sunday, Nov. 24 - At 10:46 a.m., items were reported taken on Summer Street.

At 12:46 p.m., a shoplifter was caught at the Andovers Gift Shop, 4 Main St., and sent home with his father.

VANDALISM

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 2:52 p.m., a car was reported damaged in the lot at Andover High School.

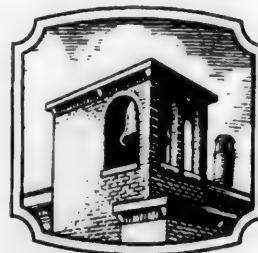
Saturday, Nov. 23 - At 11:30 a.m., a woman reported her car was "keyed" while parked on Ridge Street.

CAR THEFTS

Thursday, Nov. 21 - At 4:49 p.m., a 1993 Honda Accord station wagon was reported taken on Old River Road.

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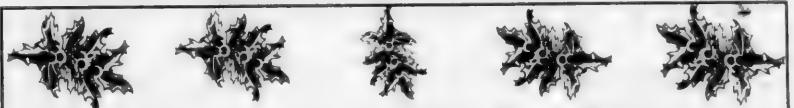
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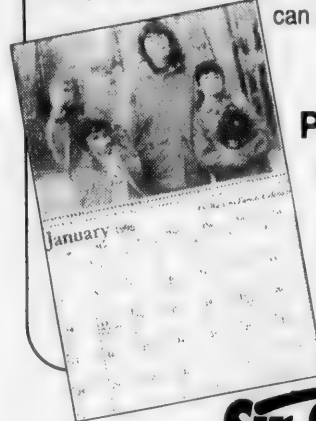
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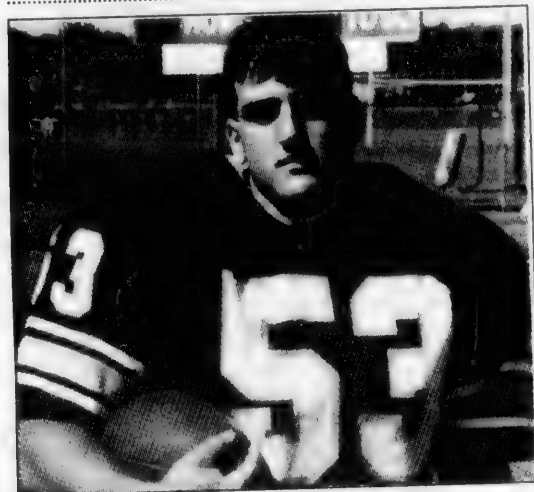
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impressive 35-33 victory against previously-undefeated Cape Ann League champ and Eastern Mass. Division 4-A Super Bowl qualifier North Andover.

Central, which opened the season with a 25-13 victory over perennial Eastern Mass. Division 1 Super Bowl qualifier New Bedford, is 6-4 overall and riding a three-game win streak of its own against Lowell (22-7), Chelmsford (21-7) and Dracut (46-36).

"Both Andover and Central are out to prove something in this game," said coach Maglio. "For us, a win means a .500 record and that would be an important achievement."

Central streak

Andover will be out to break a five-game losing streak against the Raiders, who have also won eight of the last nine and 11 of the last 14 on Turkey Day.

Andover last defeated Central in 1990, by a 14-0 count, but since then the Raiders have won 17-16 in 1991, 35-28 in 1992, 28-6 in 1993, 28-14 in 1994 and 14-8 last year.

"I wasn't aware of the (series) numbers," said Raiders' head coach Mike Cassano. "I don't put much stock in previous results or cur-

rent records. This is a new game on a new day."

"We didn't bring it (Central domination) up until the last few practices," said Maglio. "But we want the kids to realize what a great feeling it is to win on Thanksgiving."

Former AHS star lineman Joe Marinaro, who went on to an outstanding big-time college career at the University of Michigan and is now in his first season as an assistant coach at Andover, has helped put the meaning of this game in perspective.

"Joe was on the last Andover team to beat Central, in 1990, and he can definitely relate the importance of this

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x-Brian Tisbert	8	16	67
Ryan Games	9	0	54
Jack Glazebrook	2	0	12
Joe Maglio	1	2	8
Craig Hartwell	1	0	6
Josh Murphy	1	0	6
Ben Gibson	0	1	1

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game to these players. Especially the seniors who will be participating in their final high school game," said Maglio.

Pivotal team meeting

Andover's season turned around after a team meeting the Monday before the Chelmsford game last month.

"Our slow start was due mostly to the time it took for the kids to get comfortable with the new coaching staff and system," said Maglio. "It took us awhile to come together as a team."

"The meeting before the Chelmsford game gave everyone a chance to air their thoughts. It brought everyone

together on the same page and we've been playing well ever since.

"We (coaches) had to sell our system to the players, and for the first six games I guess they weren't buying. Now everything is much better."

Also contributing to the turnaround is a dramatic reduction in penalties and turnovers.

"We had too many costly penalties and fumbles the first half of the season," said coach Maglio. "We've taken much better care of the football the past three games."

"We beat Chelms-

ford convincingly, shut Dracut down and played very well against a strong North Andover team. It's a great feeling."

Andover stats

Senior quarterback Brian Tisbert, who rushed for 117 yards on 15 carries and hit 3-of-5 passes for 42 yards against North Andover, lifted his season point total to 67 with eight touchdowns, 14 PAT kicks, one conversion rush and one field goal.

The 67 points are the most by an Andover player since Steve Shepard scored 86 in 1992, and it's the fifth highest total for a Golden Warrior since 1980. John Perry had 84 points in 1987, Dave Tucker 84 in 1989 and Brett Hammond 70 in 1990.

Tisbert, who also had 60 points last year, now boasts 187 career points in four seasons and needs 13 on Thanksgiving morning to reach the rarely-achieved 200-point plateau.

The talented AHS quarterback also has 373 yards rushing in 77 carries, although he has been sacked 11 times for minus 83 yards.

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Thanksgiving Day showdown on tap

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Through the air he has completed 34-of-74 passes this fall for 419 yards and two touchdowns.

Tailback Ryan Games, who exploded for four TDs against North Andover, has nine touchdowns for 54 points and 731 yards rushing on 113 carries for a 6.5 yard average gain.

Top receivers are Games, with 10 catches for 132 yards, Joe Maglio with nine for 110 yards, Matt Muench seven for 77 yards and Jack Glazebrook six for 83 yards.

Including kickoff returns Games has more than 1,000 all-purpose yards this season.

Defensive leaders

Linebacker Craig Hartwell is the top Andover tackler with 61 stops, followed by free safety Tisbert with 54 tackles, cornerback Brian Jordan 47, cornerback Glazebrook 40, linebacker Josh Murphy 35, linebacker Brian Flanagan and end Jeff Scott 33 each and nose guard Tom DiLiegro 30.

The team has 13 pass interceptions including four by team leader Glazebrook, three by Tisbert and two by Hartwell.

Eight different players have accounted for the nine Golden Warrior fumble recoveries, Scott leading the way with a pair.

Andover has scored 154 points and allowed 154 points, and most of their team rushing

and passing statistics are also very close to what they have yielded to the opposition.

Tough 1-2 punch

Nelson Ovalles and Jason Belkus scored three touchdowns apiece in the latest Central Catholic win over Dracut.

Ovalles leads CCHS with 56 points and over 500 yards rushing, while wide receiver/kick returner Brian Wozniak has run back two kickoffs for touchdowns (against Tewksbury and Dracut), caught four TD passes and scored 44 points.

Belkus has 30 points and over 600 yards rushing. Andover resident Neil Finneran has caught two TD passes, and quarterbacks John Sexton and Niall Murphy have combined to pitch eight TD arials.

For schizophrenic Central, losses this year have come against St. John's Prep (28-13), Billerica (14-8), Haverhill (19-0) and Tewksbury (42-14).

"This team has found itself offensively over the last month," said coach Cassano. "Our ground game, when everyone is healthy, has a lot of variety to it. We're also mixing in more play-action and we've thrown the ball effectively the last three games. We've gone about 60-40 percent run to pass.

"Belkus went down with an injury in the Billerica game, and missed both the Haverhill and Tewksbury losses," said Cassano. "We're a different team with Jason in the lineup.

"Ovalles also missed two games when he was dinged up, and (210-pound fullback) Joe

Uliano has just come into his own the last three games.

"Either of our quarterbacks can hurt an opponent. Sexton is our leader and Murphy is our future. John (Sexton) will get the start on Thursday because he's a senior, it's his last high school game, and he deserves it," said Cassano.

The Central coach is well-versed on all of Andover's weapons.

"Games is running as well as any back in our league right now," said Cassano. "And Tisbert has really rounded into top form the last month. He's a legitimate triple threat with his running, passing and kicking abilities. Tisbert can put points

on the board any time he touches the ball.

"Andover's big tight end, Matt Muench, is also a concern along with wideouts Joe Maglio and Jack Glazebrook.

"Their offensive line is young in terms of experience. They struggled against the best teams in the league the first half of the season, but they're playing well now."

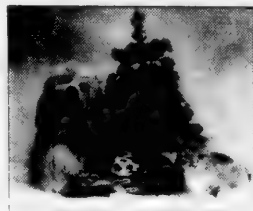
Central was a pre-season pick, along with Lowell and Tewksbury, to be one of the top teams in the league," said Maglio.

"If both teams come to the field

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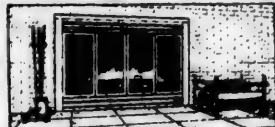


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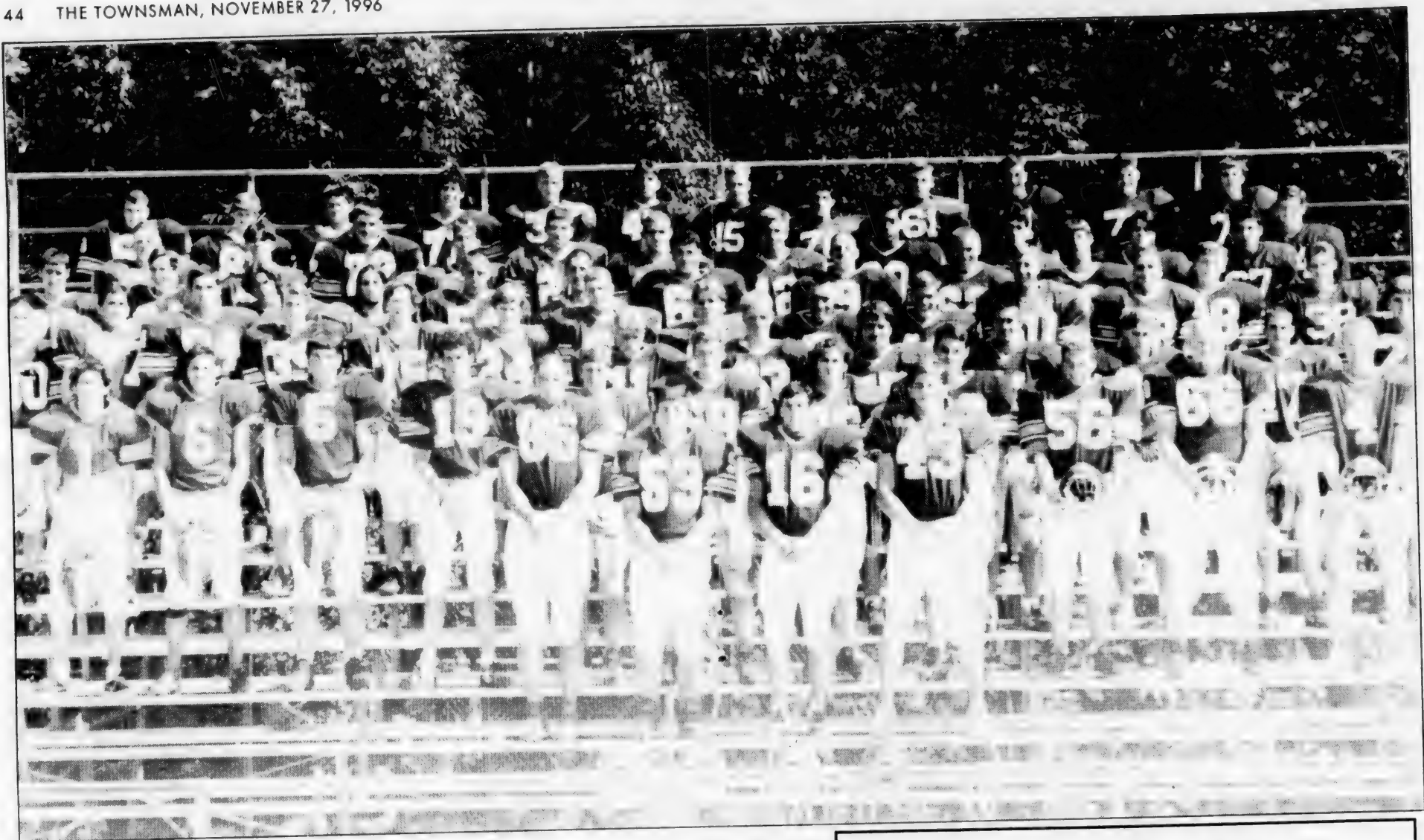
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The Andover High School 1996 Golden Warriors football team.

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fixed up this will be a tremendous game. As long as we finish strong we'll be satisfied."

Andover starting lineups

Andover's starting offensive line Thursday morning will feature sophomore Josh Trowbridge (6'0", 220 pounds) at center, senior Tom Hartwell (6'1", 180) at left guard, senior Captain Tom DiLiegro (5'8", 200) at right guard, sophomore Charlie

Daher (6'2", 225) at left tackle, senior Ted Crandall (6'2", 235) at right tackle and senior Captain Matt Muench (6'4", 225) at tight end.

Sharing time at split end will be junior Joe Maglio (6'0", 170) and senior Brian Jordan (5'8", 150).

Senior Captain Brian Tisbert (5'9", 165) is the quarterback, senior Ryan Games (6'0", 165) the tailback, senior Jack Glaze-

brook (5'9", 160) the halfback and senior Josh Murphy (5'10", 165) the fullback.

The defensive line has Muench and senior Jeff Scott (6'2", 205) at ends, Daher and Crandall at tackles and DiLiegro at nose guard.

Linebackers are senior Captain Craig Hartwell (6'0", 205) and senior Brian Flanagan (5'8", 180), the cornerbacks Jordan

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Andover Girls Softball will hold its registration for in-town teams on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 at West Parish Church from 6:30- to 8:30 p.m.

The primary division will again run during the summer from June 23, 1997 through July 31, 1997. All games will be held at Penguin Park on Monday to Thursday evenings.

The Junior and Senior division will be played in the Spring only from May 17 through June 30.

All games will be played on Monday to Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons at the high school fields.

Golden Warriors

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and Maglio, the free safety is Tisbert and the strong safety junior Ethan Murphy (5'8", 140).

Also expected to see considerable time on offense are sophomore guard Chris Wholley (6'1", 190), senior tight end Ron Hajj (6'0", 196) and Ethan Murphy at tailback.

On defense, junior tackle Matt Cox (6'2", 190), senior safety Keith D'Amelio (5'9", 155), linebacker Josh Murphy and cornerbacks Games and Glazebrook will be utilized.

Tisbert does all the kicking on punts, extra points, field goals and kickoffs.

Central starting lineups

The Raiders' starting offensive line features senior Brian Higgins (6'0", 220 pounds) at center, senior Dan Bresnahan (6'0", 205) at left guard, junior Rob Parkhurst (5'9", 220) at right guard, senior Tony Perrotta (6'3", 285) at left tackle, senior Aaron Argyros (6'0", 210) at right tackle and senior Neil Finneran (6'3", 195) of Andover at tight end.

Senior John Sexton (5'11", 175) is the quarterback, senior Jason Belkus (5'7", 160) the tailback, junior Joe Uliano (6'1", 210) the fullback, senior Dave Cavossa (5'9", 170) the split end and senior Brian Wozniak (5'7", 160) the wide receiver.

The defensive line has Bresnahan and senior Mike Bernard (5'11", 215) at ends, Parkhurst and senior Kyle Ostrouch (6'0", 215) at tackles and senior Keith Foisy (6'0", 225) at nose guard.

The linebackers are Finneran and Uliano, the cornerbacks senior Nelson Ovalles (5'9", 175) and Wozniak, the free safety sophomore Niall Murphy (6'1", 170) and the roverback senior John Taylor (5'10", 160).

Sophomore Ted Rokas (5'7", 150) does the place-

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1996 Football Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Taylor Gleason	HB/DB	5'7"	135	12
2	Ryan Games	TB/DB	6'0"	170	12
4	Jack Glazebrook	HB/LB	5'9"	165	12
5	Jeff Scott	TE/DE	6'2"	205	12
7	Ben Gibson	E/DB	5'10"	160	11
8	Joe Maglio	E/DB	6'0"	175	11
9	Frank Fitzpatrick	E/DB	6'0"	145	10
10	Ben Mertes	E/DE	6'2"	170	10
11	Ed Johnson	E/DB	5'8"	155	12
12	Rick Johnson	QB/DB	5'10"	155	10
14	Brian Cutler	QB/LB	5'8"	160	11
16	Brian Tisbert	QB/S	5'9"	165	12
17	Brad McCue	HB/DB	5'8"	135	12
18	James Tammara	TB/DB	5'6"	135	10
19	Mike Couture	TE/DE	6'1"	175	12
21	Dave Kodinsky	QB/DB	6'0"	185	10
22	Dave Nichols	TE/DE	6'3"	165	10
23	Dirk Pahre	E/DE	6'0"	165	12
24	Ethan Murphy	HB/DB	5'8"	150	11
25	Ron Hajj	TE/DE	6'0"	195	12
26	Brian Jordan	E/DB	5'8"	150	12
27	Dan Piercy	FB/LB	5'7"	175	10
28	Keith D'Amelio	TB/DB	5'9"	155	12
29	Craig Elworthy	E/DE	5'11"	165	11
30	Scott Brodsky	FB/LB	5'7"	160	11
32	Tony Morando	FB/LB	5'10"	175	10
33	Rick Labbe	HB/LB	5'10"	175	10
34	Alfonso Robertson	FB/LB	5'10"	180	11
35	Dave Austin	FB/DE	5'8"	160	10
36	Josh Murphy	HB/LB	5'10"	175	12
38	Chris Cordima	HB/DB	5'7"	130	10
39	Matt Aufiero	HB/DB	5'11"	160	11
40	Rob Vallee	HB/DB	5'9"	150	12
41	Marc Tropeano	HB/LB	5'11"	170	12
43	Craig Hartwell	FB/LB	6'0"	205	12
46	Matt MacKenzie	E/DB	5'10"	140	11
47	Ken Wong	E/DB	5'5"	115	10
48	Jeff Irvine	FB/LB	5'8"	160	11
51	Josh Trowbridge	C/T	6'0"	220	10
53	Tom Dilegro	G/NG	5'8"	200	12

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
54	Jeff Gaunt	G/NG	5'10"	180	10
55	Matt Murphy	G/T	5'11"	205	12
56	Brian Flanagan	G/LB	5'8"	185	12
58	Matt Cox	T/T	6'2"	190	11
59	Tom Hartwell	G/LB	6'1"	185	12
60	John Beanland	T/T	6'2"	185	11
61	Charles Daher	T/T	6'2"	225	10
62	Chris Wholley	G/DE	6'1"	190	10
63	Kris Rolfes	G/T	6'0"	190	12
65	Chris Liakas	T/T	5'8"	165	10
66	Ted Crandall	T/T	6'2"	235	12
68	Mark Stout	T/T	5'8"	220	10
71	Jim Delaney	G/T	5'10"	185	10
72	Sean Aylward	G/LB	5'9"	165	10
75	Brent Torre	G/NG	5'11"	175	11
77	Dan Barch	C/T	5'11"	185	11
79	Dave Ellsworth	T/T	6'0"	210	10
80	Donald Skinner	E/DB	5'5"	110	10
81	Jehnsen Gomez	TE/DE	6'1"	150	10
82	Chris Genge	E/DE	5'10"	160	10
83	Haig Apelin	TE/DE	5'9"	175	10
84	Dave Crandall	TE/DE	6'0"	175	10
86	Matt Muench	TE/DE	6'4"	225	12
88	Brian Nadeau	E/DB	5'8"	160	10
94	Jeff Danis	TE/DE	6'3"	225	11
17A	Luis Santiago	HB/S	5'3"	140	9
9A	Pat Murnane	QB/DB	6'0"	165	9
15	Mike Giles	HB/DB	5'9"	145	9
51	Mike Burnett	T/T	5'11"	190	9
78	Nick Fitzpatrick	C/LB	5'6"	165	9
60	Matt Jaracz	G/LB	5'10"	145	9
20	Chris King	E/DB	5'6"	145	9
61A	Sean Lawton	T/T	5'10"	180	9
63A	Rafael Moore	T/T	5'6"	245	9
76	Bobby Partridge	T/T	6'0"	225	9
37	Chris Rogers	QB/DB	5'10"	155	9
73	Matt Sheehan	T/T	5'8"	165	9
45	Rich Sheldon	TE/DE	5'11"	175	9
64	Adam Spillar	G/NG	5'9"	175	9
12A	Joshua Topp	HB/DB	5'6"	135	9

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ANDOVER**OFFENSE**

Pos	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Brian Tisbert	5-9	165	Sr.
TB	Ryan Games	6-0	165	Sr.
HB	Jack Glazebrook	5-9	160	Sr.
FB	Josh Murphy	5-10	165	Sr.
SE	Joe Maglio	6-0	170	Jr.
TE	Matt Muench	6-4	225	Sr.
C	Josh Trowbridge	6-0	220	Soph.
LG	Tom Hartwell	6-1	180	Sr.
RG	Tom DiLiegro	5-8	200	Sr.
LT	Charlie Daher	6-2	225	Soph.
RT	Ted Crandall	6-2	235	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LE	Jeff Scott	6-2	205	Sr.
LT	Charlie Daher	6-2	225	Soph.
NG	Tom DiLiegro	5-8	200	Sr.
RT	Ted Crandall	6-2	235	Sr.
RE	Matt Muench	6-4	225	Sr.
LB	Craig Hartwell	6-0	205	Sr.
LB	Brian Flanagan	5-8	180	Sr.
CB	Brian Jordan	5-8	150	Sr.
CB	Joe Maglio	6-0	170	Jr.
SS	Ethan Murphy	5-8	140	Jr.
FS	Brian Tisbert	5-9	165	Sr.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC**OFFENSE**

Pos	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	John Sexton	5-11	175	Sr.
TB	Jason Belkus	5-7	160	Sr.
FB	Joe Uliano	6-1	210	Jr.
WR	Brian Wozniak	5-7	160	Sr.
SE	Dave Cavossa	5-9	170	Sr.
TE	Neil Finneran	6-3	195	Sr.
C	Brian Higgins	6-0	220	Sr.
LG	Dan Bresnahan	6-0	205	Sr.
RG	Rob Parkhurst	5-9	220	Jr.
LT	Tony Perrotta	6-3	285	Sr.
RT	Aaron Argyros	6-0	210	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LE	Dan Bresnahan	6-0	205	Sr.
LT	Kyle Ostrouch	6-0	215	Sr.
NG	Keith Foisy	6-0	225	Sr.
RT	Rob Parkhurst	5-9	220	Jr.
RE	Mike Bernard	5-11	215	Sr.
LB	Neil Finneran	6-3	195	Sr.
LB	Joe Uliano	6-1	210	Jr.
CB	Nelson Ovalles	5-9	175	Sr.
CB	Brian Wozniak	5-7	160	Sr.
SS	John Taylor	5-10	160	Sr.
FS	Niall Murphy	6-1	170	Soph.



1996 AHS captains, from left:
Brian Tisbert, Craig Hartwell, Matt Muench, Tom DiLiegro

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kicking (15 PATs) and Murphy the punting.

Injuries

Junior center Dan Barch is the only Andover player who is questionable for the game because of a knee injury.

Central senior cornerback Edwin Corporan will miss the game with a shoulder injury, nose-guard Sean Cedorchuck is sidelined because of appendicitis, and questionable for the Raiders' finale are tight end-defensive tackle Randy Farris and tackle Brendan Riley.

Banquet

In future years coach Maglio hopes to intro-

duce the presentation of a Game MVP trophy or trophies, and a team trophy to be kept for a year in the winning school, at the end of each Thanksgiving Day game.

The annual Andover High football banquet will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Ramada Rolling Green Hotel on Lowell Street (Route 133). The program will begin at 5 p.m.

Several major awards will be presented, including the team MVP which will be named after long-time head coach Dick Collins who retired at the end of last season to accept a job as offensive coordinator for the fledgling Merrimack College football team.

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Town has its own Web site

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eventually be available, so that you might be able to download a dog license form and just fill it out and mail it in with a check rather than having to go to town offices. Building permits might even be filled out on the Internet, saving more trips to town offices.

The schools will also be accessible from the town's home page. Though they will eventually have their own site, the schools technology plan is already available, in its entirety, via the town's web page.

The town hopes to personalize its home page by soliciting photographs of the town and its residents to display on it.

Library

While the town is only just easing its way onto the Internet, Memorial Hall Library has been working on its page for six months and will in the next few weeks launch "a big publicity blitz," according to Beth Mazin, the library employee in charge of its web site. Within a few weeks the library will hang a huge banner across the front of its building announcing its web address: <http://www.mhl.org>.

Residents can learn what services are available at the library, various collections available, the library's hours, children's room happenings and a schedule of events for what else is happening there.

The library is in the process of making its resource listings available online, so people will be able to find what books are available at the library. And employees hope to soon have a link with the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium via the

MVLC's computer at the library, so residents will be able to see what books are available in libraries throughout the region.

'We're still struggling with some technical issues,' but most people know that home pages are 'works in progress.'

Beth Mazin

"They are also working on a process by which you can reserve a book from home," said Ms. Russell.

Born and raised on what is now High Vale Street in Ballardvale, Ms. Russell's brother, Matthew Russell, still lives here and is a volunteer on the library's technology committee. When Jim Sutton, library director, decided to have a web site, Mr. Russell got his sister

involved. She was just getting started in the business of helping set up web pages, and was willing to do the work mostly in exchange for her having an ad

on the page. When the town saw what Ms. Russell was doing for the library, she was asked to help design the town's web page as well.

"We did the content and Laura did the web formatting," Ms. Mazin said.

"We're still struggling with some technical issues," and some of the information has not been updated, but most people know that home pages are

"works in progress," Ms. Mazin said.

The library also has two computers just for Internet access, so anyone holding a library card can go in and access the web.

"The two public NetScape terminals are in constant use," Ms. Mazin said.

Funding for a high-speed communications link, just approved by the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium, will allow the two on-line terminals to do more and do it faster, including the display of high quality graphics.

Some business is more appropriate for the web than others, according to Ms. Russell, "But the town and the library are excellent applications for it because people are looking for information and there's an incredible amount of information available."

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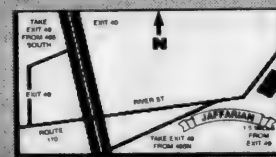
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Abbot well temporarily closed due to contamination

By Don Staruk

The Abbot well on Andover Street, one of the town's three deep, fresh-water wells, has been closed since last month when heavy rains caused flooding that dumped sewage-contaminated water into it, according to Bob McQuade, Public Works director.

"When we had the flood, the flood backed up into the well and water got into the vault where the well is. It contaminated the water in the well," Mr. McQuade said.

Tests showed fecal coliform, an indication of animal or human waste, in the water. The only way to clean the well out is to pump it until tests show it is clear.

But the pump in the well is also faulty and

'...The flood backed up into the well and water got into the vault where the well is. It contaminated the water...'

in need of replacement.

"We're going to pull the pump off all together and put a new pump on," Mr. McQuade said.

Right now it is still very wet and muddy around the well site and the truck needed to pull the pump and replace it can't get to it. So Mr. McQuade would not predict when the well might re-open for use.

"I don't have any idea of how long it will take," Mr. McQuade said.

The Abbot well and two similar wells in the Essex gravel pit off Abbot Street, were used for town water back in the 1950s, according to Mr. McQuade. The three were good for about 1.5 million gallons of water a day. But after a drought and the appearance of iron and man-

ganese in the water, the town turned to the Fish Brook and Merrimack River for its water.

The Abbot well is now only used by residents who fill bottles there for personal use. Many residents prefer it to town water because the well water does not have fluoride or chlorine, both of which are added to the town's water at the treatment plant.

Developer will pay for water line connections

By Don Staruk

Public Works director Bob McQuade told selectmen last week that the developer putting a mile of new water main into Salem Street and Jenkins Road has agreed to pay for the installation of the connections to individual properties to the edge of the roadway. Residents who want to hook into the line will still have to pay to run the line across their own properties and to their houses.

Mr. McQuade said this week the agreement will not cost the town anything.

"We sat down and we worked it out. They are rushing to get the job finished," and it was more beneficial to the developers to pay for the connections than to bring lawyers in and get bogged down in litigation," Mr. McQuade said.

Mr. McQuade last month admitted he erred in telling residents at a public meeting

in May they would not be charged for connections to be brought to their property line. Selectmen then asked for a meeting with the developer who is installing the line, Deering Development Corp., its attorney, Mark Johnson of Andover, and the contractor, John E. Farmer and Sons Inc. of Billerica, to determine why they did not make it clear to begin with that they would not pay for the work, and to see if something could be worked out.

The threat that residents might have to pay for the stubs to be installed angered many who live in the area. Individual estimates for the work that needed to be done varied from about \$800 to \$2,400, depending on which side of the road a house was on.

The developer is paying roughly \$1 million to install the line in order to have water service to a proposed 23-lot subdivision at 140-150 Jenkins Road.

Information and scalp checks help stop head lice

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"It's certainly something that comes in waves," said Dr. Browne of head lice cases. "It happens once or twice a year. I don't think there's a particular season for it."

Dr. Browne said schools typically do routine checks and parents can do the same thing. Female lice lay their eggs close to the scalp. Parents should look for white, oval-shaped "nits" or egg-shells stuck to single hairs at the nape of the neck, above the ear, and on the crown of the head.

"If one child in school has them, it is likely others will get it," said Dr. Browne.

Head lice can be treated with either over-the-counter or prescription products. Anti-lice shampoos, gels and lotions can be used on hair, but people must follow the directions. Anti-lice products are strong pesticides and may cause harm if used improperly.

Anti-lice sprays should not be used on people but can be used to clean objects such as batting helmets. Clinical publications report the best way to stop the spread of lice is to wash washable products in hot water, and to dry clean or vacuum other products a

person with head lice may have used.

Dr. Browne said children seem to get lice more often than adults, but frequently doctors end up treating the whole family when one member is diagnosed.

"If someone has lice in the school, usually they (check) everybody," said Dr. Browne, "or they send home a note that says, 'Please check.'"

The *Townsmen* has been getting calls the last two weeks from parents who said elementary students in town were diagnosed with head lice. Some parents of children who do not have head lice were concerned because the schools haven't sent information to them.

Dick Neal, superintendent, said he knows 10 to 12 cases of head lice were diagnosed at Bancroft School. He said letters were sent to all Bancroft parents. "Generally if it's in a confined area, then the parents in that area are notified; if it's in a classroom, the parents in that classroom are notified," he said.

"I guess my message is we have parent letters that we send out to the parents so there is a process in place," said Barbara White, side, school nurse.

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Betty Wong in the dining room at Lily Wong's

Lily Wong's

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of Mandarin dishes with traditional hoisin sauce with scallion brushes, cucumber slivers and delicately steamed pancakes for wrapping.

Lily Wong's has a large selection of hot and spicy dishes. In deference to today's health-conscious diner, Lily Wong's uses only vegetable oil in its food preparation and offers a variety of vegetarian dishes. Lunch and dinner specials are served daily, and a variety of subs are now available in the lounge, which has a full bar.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, 460 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA for a special permit under Article VIII, Section IV.B.33 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the installation of mobile communications panel antennas on existing AM/FM tower and install a 20' X 12' equipment shelter near base of existing tower.

Premises affected are located at 119 CHANDLER ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 129 as Lot 13.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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NOVEMBER 21 & 27, 1996

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of SPRINT PCS, 201 Edgewater Drive, Wakefield, MA 01880 for a special permit under Article VIII, Section IV.B.33 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the replacement of existing horn antennae with personal communication services panel antennae, and mount a GPS antennae at 75 ft., and locate unmanned telecommunications cabinets at the base of the tower.

Premises affected are located at 169 REAR HAGGETTS POND ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 219 as Lot 15A.

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NOVEMBER 21 & 27, 1996

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Premises affected are located OFF HOLMES ROAD, Andover, Ma. in an Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 209 as Lot 3.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MERRIMACK VALLEY LUBAVITCH, Inc., 310 No. Main Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.S.2.a.(1) of the Zoning By-Law to allow the operation of a child care facility on a lot that does not meet the area requirement.

Premises affected are located at 310 NO. MAIN STREET, Andover, Ma. in an Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 53 as Lot 11.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT
36 FEDERAL STREET
SALEM, MA 01970
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 96P 2706-EP1**

Estate of ANNE S. SHAW late of Andover in the County of Essex
NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by CLINTON S. SHAW AND JOHN T. SHAW, both of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that they be appointed executors thereof, without giving a surety on their bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on December 16, 1996.

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

Jane Brady Stirgwort
Register of Probate
November 27, 1996

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of TIMOTHY W. & JACQUELINE D. BARRY, 18 Washington Avenue, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law and/or a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a two-story addition.

Premises affected are located at 18 WASHINGTON AVENUE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 21 as Lot 93.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOVEMBER 21 & 27, 1996

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No. 91P 3012-G11**

NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of FRED P. SAMPSON, late of 73 Elm Street Andover, Ma Essex County a mentally ill person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of TIMOTHY P. HATCH as temporary Guardian (the fiduciary) of the property of said FRED P. SAMPSON has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the sixteenth day of December, 1996, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this fourteenth day of November, 1996

Jane Brady Stirgwort
Register of Probate
November 27, 1996

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 10 Gemini Circle
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kenneth M. Barry and Karan A. Barry to Pioneer Financial, A Cooperative Bank dated April 23, 1987 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 2482, Page 3, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 9th day of December, 1996, A.D. at 1:00 P.M. at or upon the mortgaged premises, 10 Gemini Circle, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

Those certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Lots No. 32 and 32GA, on Sheet No. 4 of 4 Sheets of River Ridge Estates on Plan filed with the North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 5339, and said premises are more particularly bounded and described as follows according to said plan:

LOT 32:

EASTERLY	by the westerly line of Gemini Circle, 72.20 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY	227.59 feet by Lot 31;
SOUTHWESTERLY	247.58 feet by Lot 32GA;
SOUTHERLY	5.00 feet by Lot 32GA;
SOUTHWESTERLY	again 22.12 feet by land now or formerly of Patrick H. Cadogan and Katherine Maloney;
NORTHERLY	235.79 feet by Lot 33;

Containing 34,823 square feet according to said plan.

LOT 32GA:

Lot containing 1,827 square feet shown on the aforementioned Plan No. 5339, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

Together with the right in common with others entitled thereto to pass and repass over the aforesaid Gemini Circle and Launching Road, for all the purposes for which such ways are commonly used in said Andover. Subject to a drain easement as shown on the aforementioned Plan No. 5339.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Patricia A. Oscarsson, dated February 14, 1983, and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1646, Page 217.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, 492 Old Connecticut Path, Framingham, MA 01701 (508) 872-0221. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

The First National Bank of Boston f/k/a
Pioneer Financial, A Cooperative Bank,
PRESENT HOLDER OF SAID MORTGAGE
November 14, 21 & 27, 1996

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by George Secchiarioli and Caroline J. Secchiarioli, Trustees of GJGD Trust dated December 31, 1990 and recorded in Essex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 3204, Page 104 to Joseph C. Schena dated April 6, 1993 and recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 3698, Page 13, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 10th day of December A.D.

1996, Unit 45 of Abbot's Pond Condominium located at One Michael Way, Andover, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: Unit #45 ("Unit") of Abbot's Pond Condominium

("Condominium"), created pursuant and subject to the provisions of Chapter 183A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, by Master Deed dated September 12, 1988, and recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 2806, Page 6, (hereinafter referred to as "Master Deed"), as amended by Amendment to Master Deed adding Phase 2 dated December 7, 1988 and recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2855, Page 219.

The Post Office address of the Unit is:

1 Michael Way - Unit #45
Abbot's Pond Condominium
Andover, MA 01810

The Unit is conveyed together with the following:

The Unit contains 2,695 square feet, approximately, and is laid out as shown on floor plans filed with the Master Deed and as shown on a Unit plan recorded herewith and affixed to which is the verified statement of a registered architect, certifying that the plans shown the unit designation of the Unit hereby conveyed and of immediately adjoining units, and that it fully and accurately depicts the layout of the Unit, its location, dimensions, approximate area, entrance, and immediate common area to which it has access, as built.

1. An undivided 6.70% interest appertaining to the Unit in the Common Areas and Facilities of said Condominium, as described in the Master Deed. The undivided percentage interest may vary as it is amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the Master Deed.

2. The exclusive right and easement to use (1) the deck or decks adjacent to said Unit, (2) the steps, stoops and porches at the front and rear doors of the particular unit, if any, (3) the walkways or portions thereof that service only the particular unit, if any, (4) the driveway or portion thereof that services only the particular unit, if any, as shown on the plans of the Condominium recorded with the Master Deed with Essex North District Registry of Deeds.

3. All other rights, easements, agreements, interests and provisions contained in the Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of Abbot's Pond Condominium recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2806, Page 32, (the "Declaration of Trust") and the Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto (the "Rules and Regulations") as any of the same may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions thereof.

Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of, as the case may be, the following:

1. The provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as amended.

2. The terms and conditions of the Master Deed, dated September 12, 1988 (including, without limitation, the title matters set forth on Exhibit A to the Master Deed and the Grantor's rights to add additional phases to the Condominium), as the same may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions thereof.

3. The terms and conditions of the Declaration of Trust, dated September 12, 1988 and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as the same may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions thereof.

4. Such taxes attributable to said Unit for the current fiscal year as are now due and payable.

5. Provisions of existing building and zoning laws.

The rights, agreements, easements, restrictions, provisions and interests set forth above, together with any amendments thereto shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall inure to the benefit of and bind, as the case may be, any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his agents, employees, licensees, visitors and lessees as though the same were fully set forth herein.

For title see Essex North Registry of Deeds Book Page 140.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars deposit to be paid in cash, certified or bank check by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale. Balance to be paid at the office of the mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days of the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

John H. Michelmore, Attorney
for Joseph Schena
26 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Foxboro, MA 02035

November 14, 21 & 27, 1996

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT GUARDIANSHIP - MINOR - WITH SURETIES ESSEX DIVISION Docket NO. 96P2225-GM1 NOTICE

To all persons interested in **MARTINE MWANJ KALAW** of 248 River Road Andover Ma, Essex County 01810. A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that **DONALD WADE LEWALLEN** and **ELIZABETH K. LEWALLEN** both of Andover in the County of Essex or some other suitable persons be appointed his guardian with custody. If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before December 16, 1996. Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, the twenty-sixth day of September, 1996.

Jane Brady Stirgwort
Register of Probate
November 27, 1996

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Essex Division Docket No. 96C 0245-CA1 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **LINDA LEE CROTCH** of Andover, Essex County, minor, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

LINDA LEE CROTCH
TO
LINDA LEE ANDERSON

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of December, 1996.

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Salem, this twenty-first day of November, 1996

Jane Brady Stirgwort
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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties in Andover that sold from Nov. 12 to Nov. 18.

1 Jean Licciardi Brigandi bought **18 Beech Circle, Lot 10A**, for \$192,000 from Michael P. Gaa. The mortgage is with Winthrop Federal Credit Union.

2 James R. Stahle bought **7 Westminster Rdwy, Lot 3**, for \$629,000 from Joseph C. Bellia. The mortgage is with Lexington Savings Bank.

3 Mark Kats bought **9 West Knoll Road** for \$328,000 from Joseph A. Dappolito. The mortgage is with Alliance Mortgage Co.

4 Matthew P. Keamy bought **99 River St., Lot 2**, for \$230,000 from Mitchell D. Keamy Jr. The mortgage is with Chittenden Trust Co.

5 Christopher T. Welch bought **42 Greenwood Road, Lot 1A**, for \$318,000 from Pouliot Massachusetts Nominee Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

6 Leonard B. Getty bought **361-363 N. Main St., Lot 1**, for \$303,000 from Conrad Rossitto. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

7 Patrick J. Marshall bought **7 Windsor St., Lot 3**, for \$285,000 from William S. Krueger. The



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This house at 6-8 Morton St. sold for \$200,000.

mortgage is with Andover Bank. **8** David Hoffman bought **6-8 Morton St.** for \$200,000 from John J. Disalvo Jr. The mortgage is with Fleet Mortgage Corp.

9 Judith A.W. Ferstenberg bought **17 Dufton Road** for \$144,500 from Walter A. Magurn. The mortgage is with RTN Federal Credit Union.

10 William J. Bragel bought **7 Coventry Lane, Lot 10**, for \$645,000 from Patch Development Corp. The mortgage is with Peoples Mortgage Corp.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence branch.

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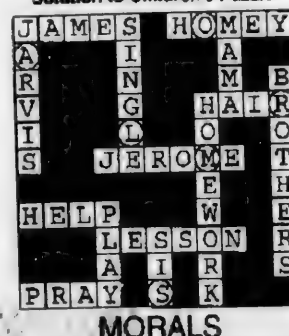
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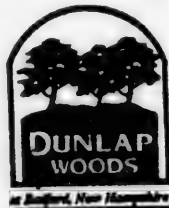
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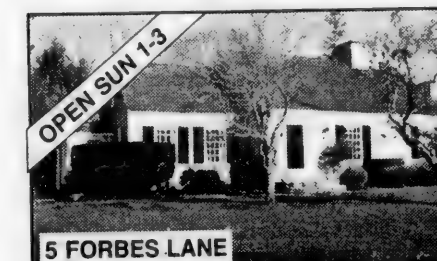
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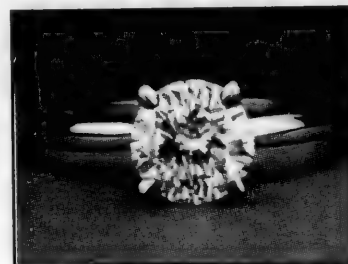
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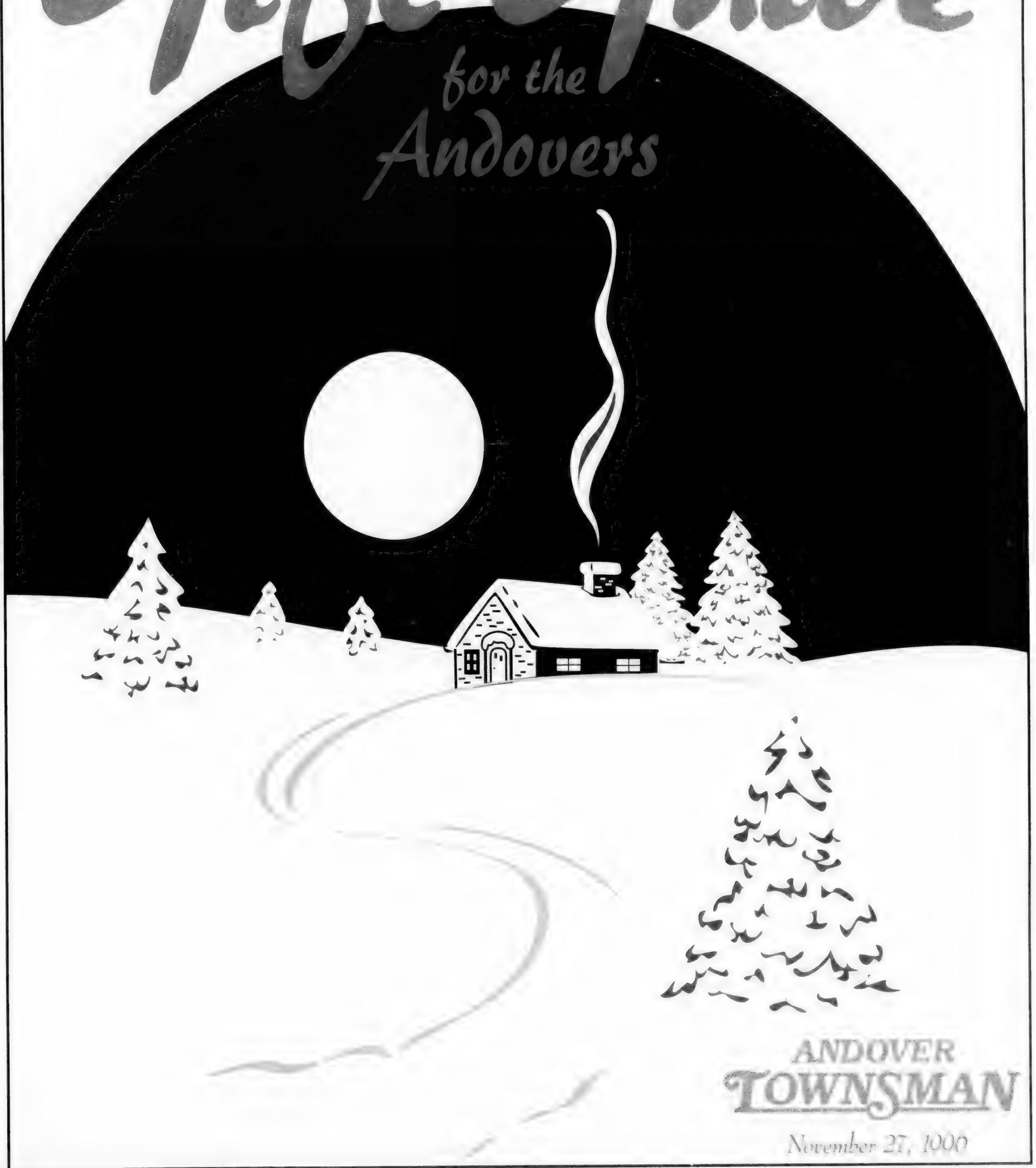
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Postal service advises to mail early

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But while Santa has a sleigh and eight reindeer to help him with the load, the Postal Service will contract for several temporary processing facilities, nearly 90 additional planes, thousands of trucks and dozens of additional trains. There also are about 25 million more mail sacks and trays in service, and additional elves are hired during the peak mailing season.

From such humble beginnings as the Pony Express, the U.S. Postal Service has grown to an organization that handles unimaginable numbers of letters and packages. On an average day from October through December, the Postal Service receives about 94 million letters and cards nationwide. That number increases to 151 million a day during the Christmas mailing season. Total mail volume on an average day is 599 million pieces. During the holiday season that number rises to 625 million, or 26 million more total pieces a day.

Santa makes his trip around the world for Christmas on one day only, but for the Postal Service the mailing "season" begins the day after

Thanksgiving and ends after Christmas Day. There is no deadline for posting domestic mail other than the normal service standards: first-class, one to three days; priority two to three days; and parcel post, one week to 10 days.

Because Christmas is on Wednesday this year, the busiest mail day will be Monday, Dec. 16, when weekend shoppers and holiday card writers come into the post office. The busiest delivery day will be Wednesday, Dec. 18. In those two days, the Postal Service expects to cancel approximately 275 million cards and letters on each day.

While plans are being made for 4.5 percent more total mail volume than last year, the public is encouraged to use the Postal Service to send their letters and package – even up to the last minute. Mailing early helps to keep a backup from developing during Christmas week, and the Postal Service says many customers help them out in that way.

Perhaps some day Santa and the U.S. Postal Service will work out a merger. But for now, the Postal Service stands at the ready to get your mail and packages into the hands of your loved ones as quickly as possible.

Post Office addressing tips

(NU) - One of the easiest ways to ensure that your holiday mail arrives on time is to make sure it is addressed and packaged properly. The U. S. Postal Service offers the following suggestions:

- Write or print the address neatly using smudge-proof ink.
- Always include the apartment or suite number in an address. Use the correct address indicators, too, such as: NW, SW, etc., and Ave., Blvd., St., etc.
- Never guess a ZIP code. Call the local post office for assistance or

use the ZIP Code Lookup on the Postal Service's Internet World Wide Web page: www.usps.gov.

- When sending a package, use filament tape to seal it; make sure it is well-padded with nothing rattling; make sure the only writing on the outside of the package is the "to and from addresses"; and include a return address inside the package.
- Check with your local post office on when a packages needs to arrive at its destination; if it needs insurance, and whether proof of delivery is required.



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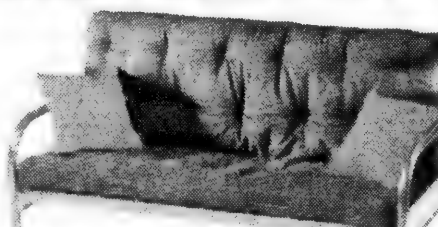
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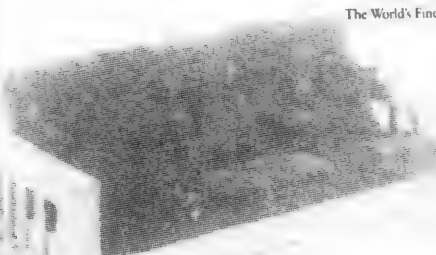
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Test your holiday survival skills

By Bart Alexander

(NAPS) – They come in waves every year at this time: the lectures about responsible drinking during the holidays. After all that has been written and said, it's a good time to find out if the message is getting through. So this holiday season, the lectures are replaced with a quiz. It's not so much a test about what you know. It's mostly a test about what you would do if confronted with choices at a holiday party with coworkers, friends or family. The only rule is: be honest with yourself.

True Or False

1. It's rude to turn down a drink at a holiday party.
2. If I'm under 21, it's o.k. to drink with my over-21 friends at a private party.
3. It's best to start at the food table, not the bar.
4. There is no standard rule about how much a person can drink without becoming impaired.
5. A beer and a mixed drink contain about the same amount of alcohol and have similar impacts.
6. It's the holidays, so I can set aside the rules and drink without limits.
7. I can drink a lot more than the average human being and still drive home safely.

Answers

1. False. It's o.k. to say no. Ask for a soft drink or non-alcoholic beer when that's what you want. Don't be pres-

sured by others.

2. False. If you're under 21, don't drink any alcohol. Not only is it illegal and unsafe, but it's unfair to the party host who could get into a great deal of trouble if you're caught.

3. True. If you're drinking beer or other alcohol beverages, eat something before you start because food helps to absorb alcohol.

4. True. Know your limits. Different people can safely drink different amounts of alcohol without becoming impaired, based on their size, gender, overall health, mood and the time of their last meal, among other factors.

5. False. Alcohol beverages can differ in their impacts. A martini can contain twice the alcohol of a light beer.

6. False. Pace yourself and drink only in moderation, no matter what the circumstances. If it's an office party, the reasons should be obvious. At a family event, the kids are watching. In general, excessive drinking is unhealthy and unsafe.

7. False. If you drink past your safe limit, don't be bullheaded and think you can drive yourself home. Ask for a ride or call a cab. It takes a lot less time – and money – to pick up your car the next day than it does to get bailed out of jail or detoured to a hospital.

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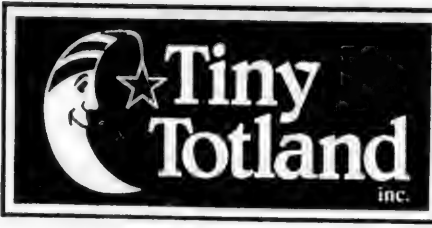
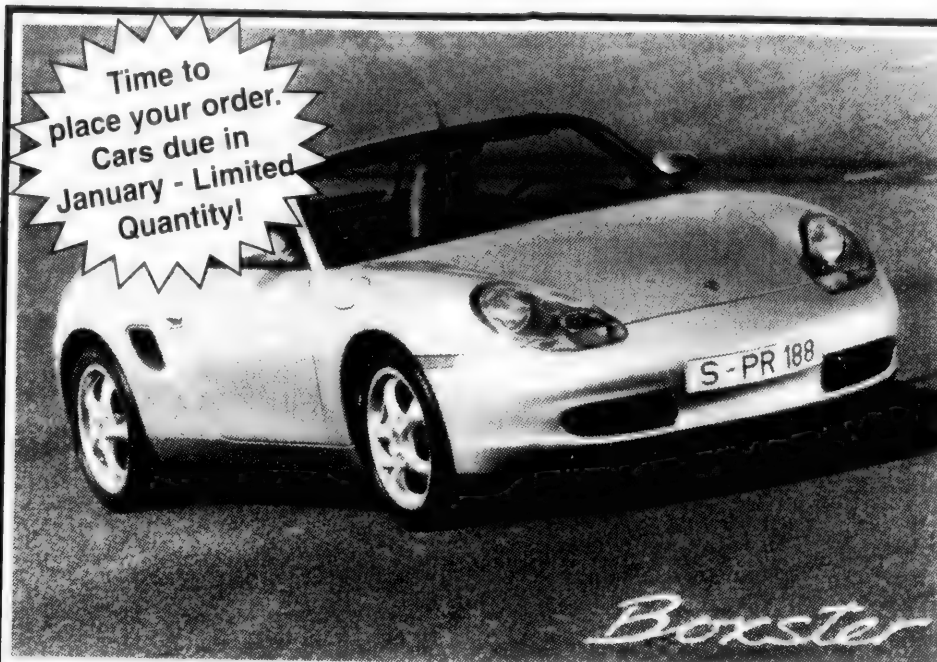


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Simple but sparkling holiday meals

(NAPS) – Serving holiday meals can be fun if you keep things simple. These hints can help:

- Inviting friends and family for a meal? Remember, appetizers are strictly optional. You'll probably be serving dessert, so consider just how much they can eat.

- Select an entree that will shine with flavor and can be easily complemented with unadorned foods of the season. Double the amount so you'll have plenty for seconds (and leftovers).

- Take a few moments to read



Easy Pineapple Citrus Layered Cake

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through your recipes and make your shopping list. Don't just consider ingredients – consider which utensils and serving pieces you will need to use and/or find. Wash them in advance, if needed.

- Set the table before people arrive. The smallest details can make

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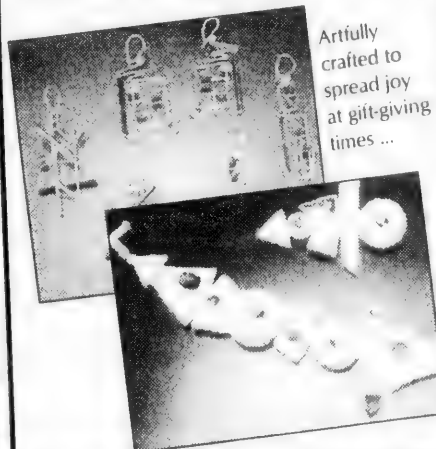
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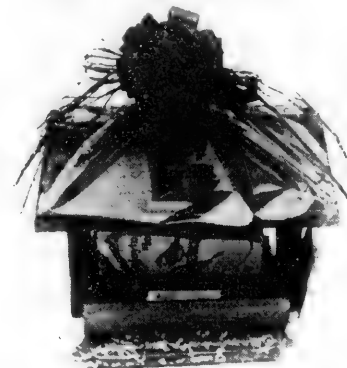
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all the difference in the mood of the dinner and how welcome people feel. Seasonal greenery, flowers, candles and cloth napkins should do it.

• At gatherings, serve a festive punch. The bowl makes a great centerpiece and sparks social interaction.

Here's a recipe for a dazzling citrus layered cake, which can be made the night before, and a recipe for a sparkling punch.

Easy Pineapple

Citrus Layered Cake

prep: 20 min. chill: 1 hr.
makes: 10 servings
1 (16 oz.) frozen prepared pound cake, thawed
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 tablespoon orange juice
3/4 teaspoon almond or vanilla extract
1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, well drained
Sliced almonds, toasted (optional)
Slice pound cake horizontally into thirds; set aside.

Beat together cream cheese, sugar, orange peel, orange juice and almond extract in large bowl until smooth and blended. Stir in pineapple.

Place bottom cake layer on serving platter, spread with 1/3 of pineapple mixture over cake. Repeat layers ending with pineapple mixture. Chill at least 1 hour or overnight before serving. Sprinkle with almonds, if desired.

Per serving: 328 calories, 18g fat (6g sat.), 24mg cholesterol, 210mg sodium, 40g carbohydrate, 3g protein.

Festive Punch

prep: 5 min. makes:
10 servings
1 can (46 oz.) pineapple juice, chilled
1 can (6 oz.) frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
1 quart ginger ale, chilled
1 pint strawberry sorbet
Stir together pineapple juice and limeade concentrate in punch bowl, until well blended.
Add ginger ale and sorbet. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 149 calories, 0g fat (0g sat.), 0mg cholesterol, 11mg sodium, 38g carbohydrate, 1g protein.

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- For a lacy look to your Christmas tree, buy 2-3 bunches of a new type of statice - 'Misty' - and tuck stems of it throughout your tree. This statice has such delicate flowers that its branches look like they were lightly touched with frost.

- Any fresh flowers in red or white will add to the festive spirit - red roses, candy-striped carnations, white lilies, calla lilies, freesias and flowering bulbs such as red tulips and paperwhite narcissus.

- Combine fresh flowers with great smelling eucalyptus. Add the unmistakable touches of the season - cinnamon sticks, red berries, poinsettia blossoms, pine cones - and you have a wonderfully fragrant holiday arrangement. If you would like something a little different from traditional holiday greens ask your florist for a few stems of ivy or myrtle, boxwood, or seeded eucalyptus.

- To keep costs down during the holidays, avoid red or white flowers or buy roses which are already open. Open roses will not last as long as fresher flowers but they will make a

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Do's and don'ts

Do decide where you will place your floral arrangement so you can determine if the finished piece should be tall or wide or round or full.

Don't use tall arrangements for dinner table centerpieces - and expect your guests to be able to see each other across the table!

Do choose a vase that is in proportion to the flowers. Often the vase should make up one-third the size of the total arrangement.

Do condition the flowers by cutting stems diagonally under water. This prevents air bubbles from forming which block water from being drawn up into the flowers. The diagonal cut allows a wider surface for water to be drawn up. Remove foliage from the stems which will be under water. This discourages life-shortening bacteria from forming due to decaying foliage in the vase water. Add the right amount of floral preservative to the vase water (see instructions on preservative package).

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Jewish Festival of Lights celebrated with first-ever Hanukkah stamp

To celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, the U.S. Postal Service and the Israeli Postal Authority are jointly issuing a stamp commemorating the holiday. The stamp depicts a contemporary image of a menorah with nine multi-colored candles and will be available in time for Hanukkah at Post Offices nationwide and in Israel.



and rededicating the city's ancient temple, these Jews sought to kindle the Holy Light, but found they only had enough oil to burn for a single day. Miraculously, the light burned for eight days, leaving enough time to prepare a fresh supply of oil.

Today, families gather around the menorah, exchange

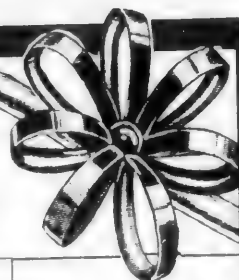
gifts, chant blessings and light candles – one the first night, two the second night and so on, until all eight candles are lit on the final night. The ninth candle is called the Shamash, or “helper” and is used to light the other candles.

“The Hanukkah lights bring many happy memories to my heart – memories of my childhood, of my children,” said Israeli Ambassador Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar. “The menorah’s flames symbolize tolerance, diversity, strength, perseverance, and reverence.”

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days, beginning on the 25th day of the Hebrew month, Kislev (this year December 5th). The holiday can be traced back more than 2100 years to when Judah the Maccabee and his followers liberated Jerusalem from the Syrian Greeks. After cleansing

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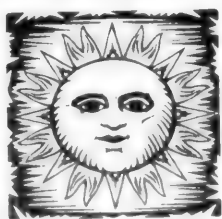
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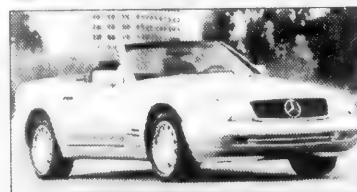
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The stamp design was created by Hannah Smotrich, a graphic designer and instructor at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C., who used pieces of cut, colored paper to create festive artwork. "I paid particular attention to color selection for the candles," said Smotrich. "The warmth of Hanukkah has special meaning to me, and the celebration focuses on the lighting of the candles."

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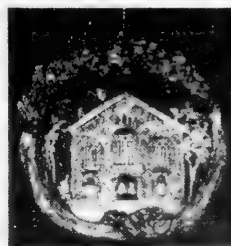
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The American Society of Appraisers offers the following tips to help you make your jewelry purchase:

- Find a jeweler you can trust whose salespeople have a background in gems and jewelry. A salesperson who was selling shoes yesterday will not be giving you the best advice about your jewelry purchase.

- Educate yourself about the item you want to purchase. The knowledgeable jeweler will be happy to explain what makes one gem more valuable than another, or why one method of manufacture is better or more expensive than another.

- If you're buying a diamond, remember that its quality is measured by an established grading system. If you're told a stone is of a particular grade, be sure the person who graded it has gemological diploma credentials, such as a graduate gemologist diploma, a certified gemologist diploma or is a fellow of the British Gemmological Association. Many diamonds, particularly those of fine quality, will have a grading report from a major gem lab such as GIA or EGL.

If you have any doubts about the stone, be sure you can return it if the report of a qualified appraiser shows a discrepancy in grading. An honest jeweler will back up his or her grading. Also, get the grades of the stone in writing on your sales receipt.

- Colored stones, like rubies and emeralds, have a much more complex grading system and small differences in color and clarity can lead to large differences in cost. The color you enjoy the most may not necessarily be the most valuable. Compare different stones and choose the color you like best. Usually, the fewer inclusions in the stone, the more valuable it is. Colored stones vary more widely in price than diamonds, so shop around and get the most for your money. Don't hesitate to get the opinion of a qualified appraiser, and if in doubt, make sure you can return the item to the store.

- Be sure you know whether the gems you're considering are natural. Many popular gemstones can now be laboratory grown. A well-educated gemologist and appraiser can tell the difference. For example, sapphires are often treated with diffusion, which is an artificial coloring method, and a new method of filling fractures in diamonds is making industrial-use diamonds available for use in jewelry.

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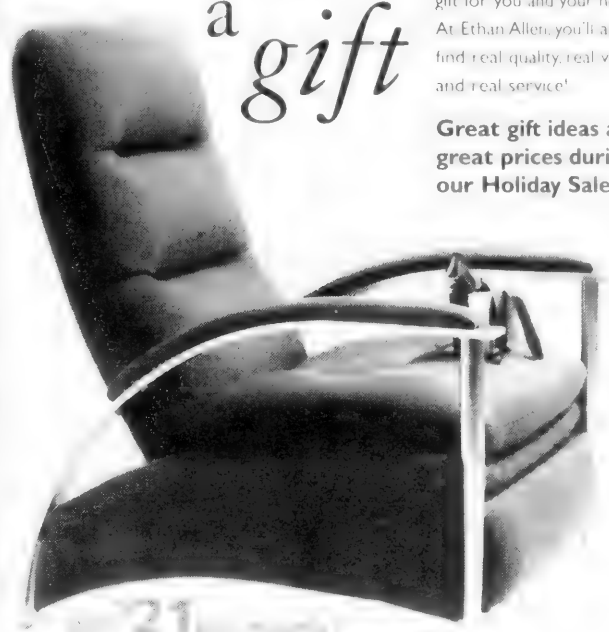
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Christmas tree safety tips

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- When the tree is delivered, make a fresh cut across the base of the trunk, an inch from the end to break the sap seal that formed when the tree was cut. Place the tree trunk into a bucket of water. Frequently check the water supply, especially during the first 24 hours, when a tree can drink as much as a gallon and a half of water.
- Live trees should be stored outdoors or on a cool porch or patio, until ready to be used, protected from sun

and wind to prevent them from losing moisture.

- Set the tree up away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and heat vents. Keep it away from television sets and other major appliances.
- Use only decorative lights and cords that are UL approved. Move the lights around occasionally to avoid drying out branches – the drier a live tree gets, the easier it is to ignite – and check the branches for brown dry spots.
- Inspect all electric lights and connections for cords with frayed insulation, exposed wires or loose connections or plugs. Keep light sets and extension cords away from water-filled tree stands and don't use outdoor lights on a tree inside the home – they generate too much heat. Inspect bulbs for bare spots and peeling paint which could be a sign the lights are burning too hot. Unplug tree lights at night and whenever you leave the house.

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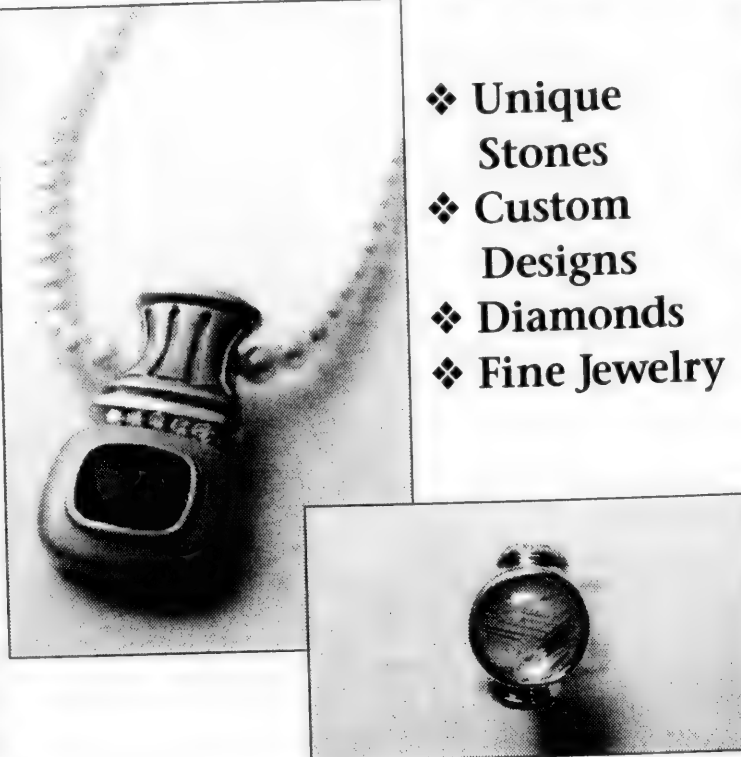
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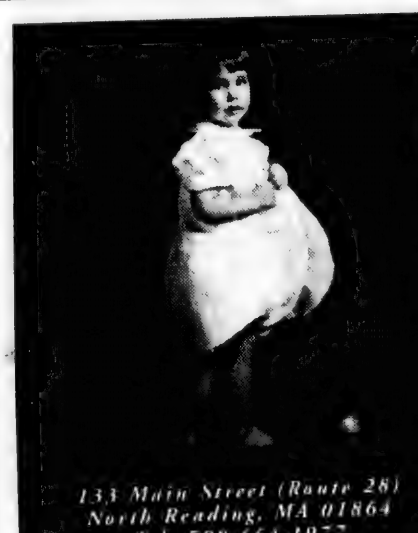
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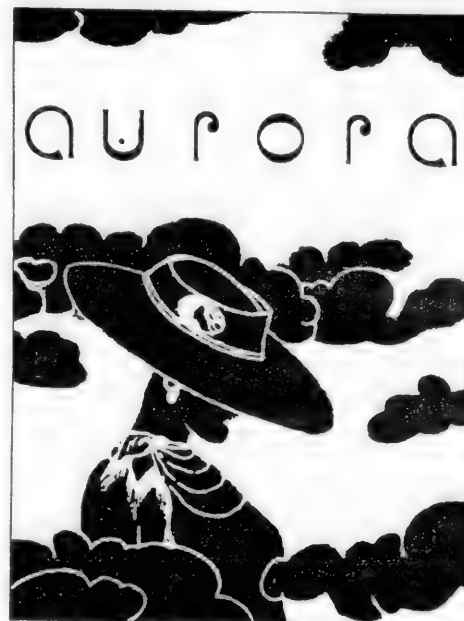
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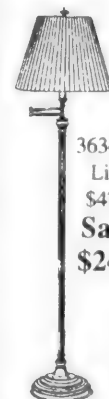
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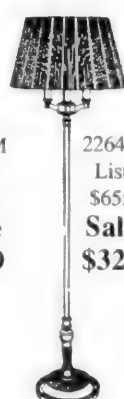
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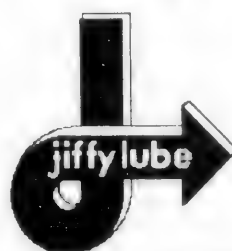
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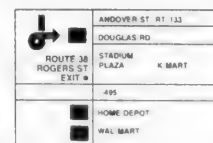
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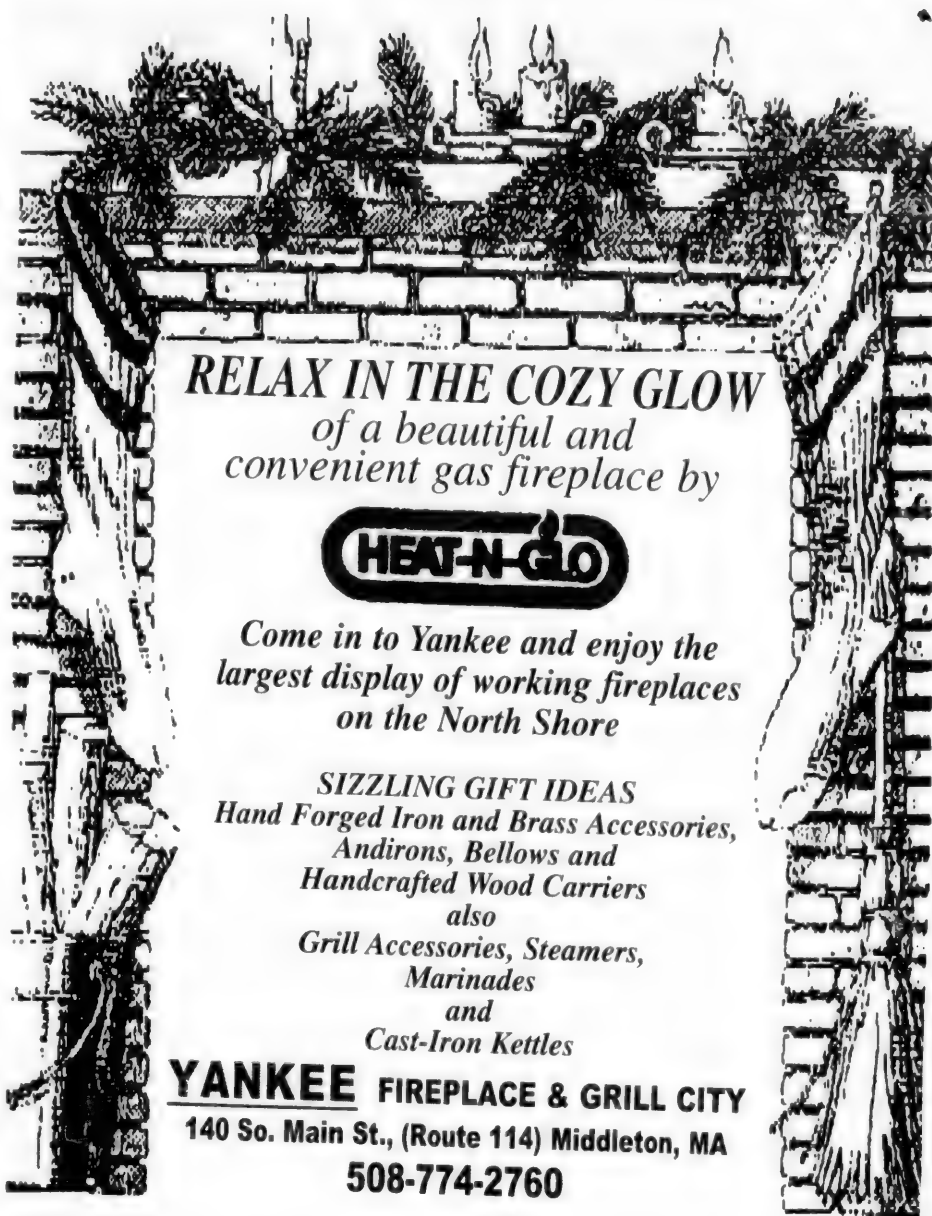
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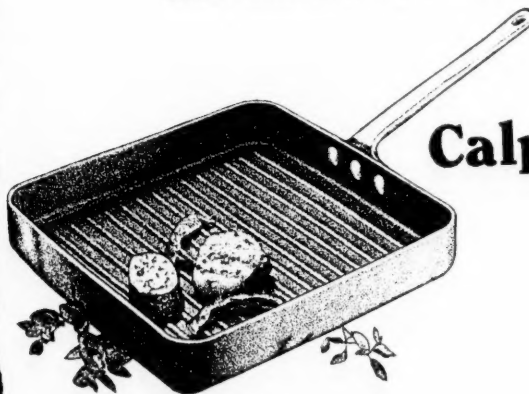
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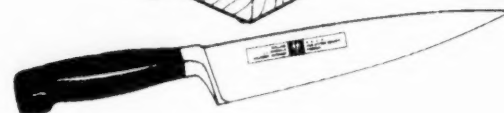
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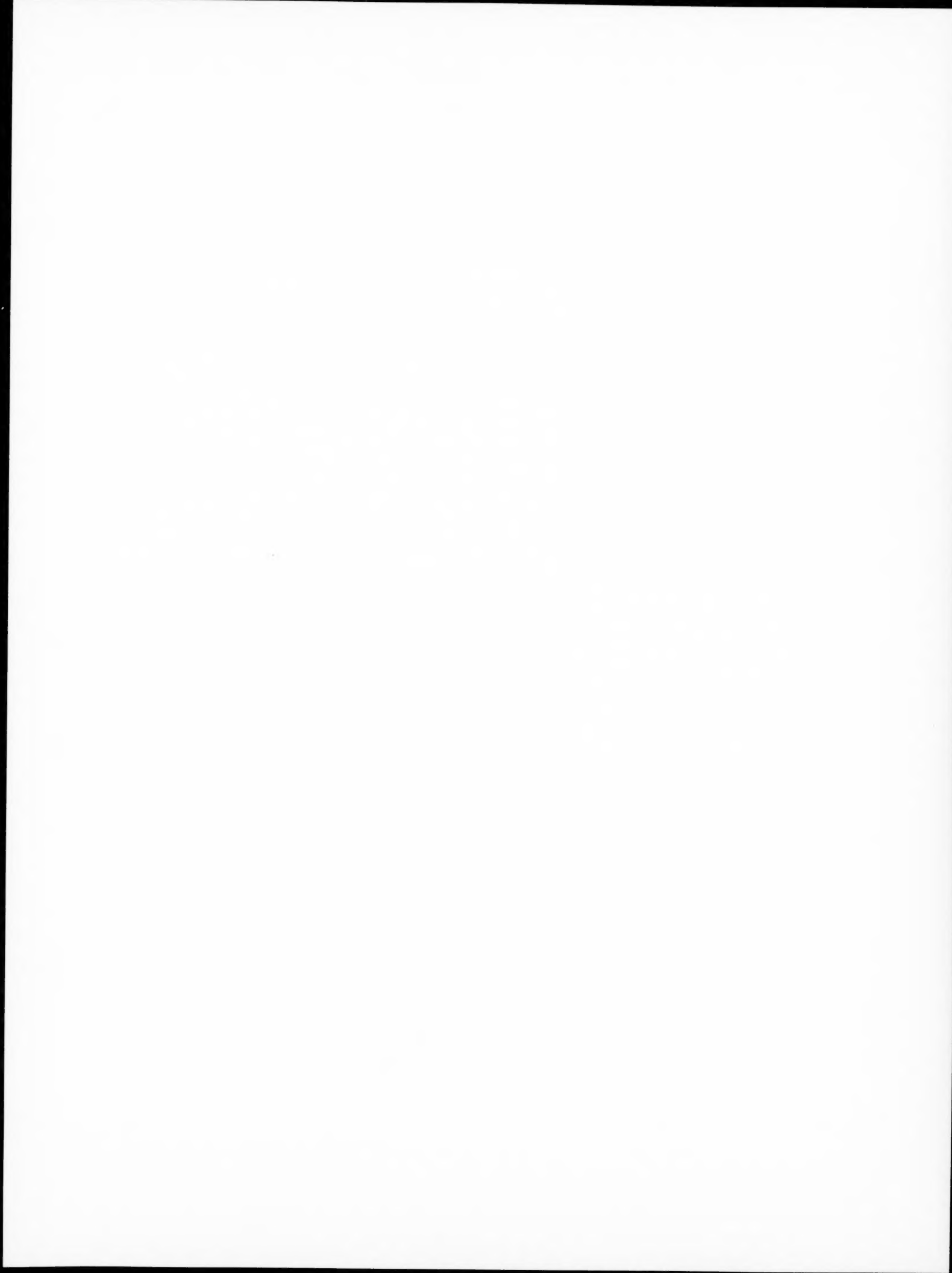
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